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House floor leader Ralph Demapan (Cov-Saipan), standing, makes the round during a short session break yesterday, wherein the House passed a bill legalizing casino gambling on Saipan. Also in photo are, seated from left, Reps. Antonio Agulto (IR-Saipan), Mario Taitano (IR-Saipan), Tony Sablan (IR-Saipan), John Paul Sablan (Cov-Saipan), and Christopher Leon Guerrero (Cov-Saipan).

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## House OKs Saipan casino bill

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REPORTER

After more than six hours of wrangling that lasted until almost 8pm last night, the House of Representatives passed a bill legalizing casino gambling on Saipan by a vote of 13-7.

The vote on House Bill 18-45, as amended, didn't come until after most members defended their stance on the casino bill which its proponents claimed would save the dying NMI Retirement Fund while others insisted is a "slap in the face" of Saipan voters who had already rejected similar proposals twice.

House Bill 18-45, House Draft 7 now goes to the Senate which, only two years ago killed a similar proposal twice.

"Times have changed," floor leader Ralph Demapan (Cov-Saipan), main author of the bill, said during the session. Eight other House members co-sponsored the bill.

Demapan pointed at lawmakers who were previously strongly against any Saipan casino bill but are now supporting it as the Retirement Fund is only less than eight months away from dying unless massive cash infusion is pumped into it.

The bill's proponents believe the Senate this time will pass this Saipan casino bill.

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### How House members voted on the Saipan casino bill

#### YES

1. Rep. Antonio Agulto (IR-Saipan)
2. Rep. Tony Benavente (IR-Saipan)
3. House minority leader George Camacho (R-Saipan)
4. Speaker Joseph Deleon Guerrero (IR-Saipan)
5. Rep. Lorenzo Deleon Guerrero (IR-Saipan)
6. Floor leader Ralph Demapan (Cov-Saipan)
7. Rep. Christopher Leon Guerrero (Cov-Saipan)
8. Rep. Felicidad Ogomoro (R-Saipan)
9. Rep. John Paul Sablan (Cov-Saipan)
10. Rep. Tony Sablan (IR-Saipan)
11. Rep. Teresita Santos (R-Rota)
12. Rep. Richard Seman (R-Saipan)
13. Rep. Mario Taitano (IR-Saipan)

#### NO

1. Vice Speaker Frank Dela Cruz (IR-Saipan)
2. Rep. Roman Benavente (IR-Saipan)
3. Rep. Trenton Conner (Ind-Tinian)
4. Rep. Janet Maratita (Ind-Saipan)
5. Rep. Ray Tebuteb (Ind-Saipan)
6. Rep. Edmund Villagomez (Cov-Saipan)
7. Rep. Ralph Yumul (IR-Saipan)

## Senate EAGI sets Monday public hearing on Quichocho's nomination

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REPORTER

The Senate Committee on Executive Appointments and Government



Quichocho

Investigations has set a Monday 10am public hearing on the administration's nomination of Ramon "Ray" Quichocho to serve as Superior Court associate judge.

Quichocho's nomination has been drawing both strong support and opposition among community members.

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## Constitutional convention question in 2014 ballot clears House

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REPORTER

The House of Representatives passed yesterday afternoon a bill that would ask voters in the 2014 general election whether

they want a convention to propose amendments to the NMI Constitution.

Rep. Felicidad Ogomoro's (R-Saipan) House Bill 18-15, Draft 1 now goes to the Senate for action.

It passed the House by a 20-0 vote.

The House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations which reviewed the bill made a technical amendment to reflect the date of the next general election, November 2014.

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# Local



## Saipan Chamber of Commerce awards 6 scholars

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STUDENT REPORTER

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce yesterday presented six students with scholarship awards at its monthly general membership meeting at the Saipan World Resort.

This year, there are six scholars instead of the normal five scholars presented with scholarship awards. The sixth scholarship will be awarded to a current college student entering the third year of college. This is the first time in the history of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce that a scholarship award like this will be awarded.

Peter Paul Camacho, a graduate from Kagman High School, is described as a great model of commitment to his school and the community. Camacho won a Department of Interior-funded scholarship at Georgetown University where he visited last summer under the Junior States-

men of America program. He was also given the opportunity to visit Washington, D.C. to participate in the National Security Leadership forum where he impressed his peers with his leadership skills.

Camacho, in his thank you speech, gave advice to his peers. "Never forget what God has told you. Never forget what your parents have taught you. And never forget that [Saipan] is your home."

Camacho will pursue political science and economics at the University of Washington in Seattle, Washington.

Melody Johnson, a graduate from Marianas High School, was also one of the awardees. She is involved in many sports such as soccer, tennis, basketball, and volleyball. She was awarded NMASA athlete of the month. She is also the reigning 2013 Miss Pusong Pinoy and currently a candidate of Miss 2013 Liberation Day.



Melody Johnson gives her thank you speech.

REINA PEREZ

In her thank you speech, Johnson said that she was "very, very honored to receive the scholarship."

Johnson will pursue psychology at the University of Pittsburgh in Pennsylvania.

Na-Eun Son Kim, a graduate from Marianas Baptist Academy, was another awardee. She is described as a friendly people-person. She graduated with a GPA over 4.0 and balanced high academic achievement as well as five advance-placement classes in high school. She has on numerous occasions placed in the top three of the National Forensic League competition. She loves to write and was the editor-in-chief of the Marianas Baptist Academy yearbook. The position is "one of the most challenging positions," according to her principal. She volunteers at the Joeten Kiyu Public Library and American Memorial Park.

Kim said that she "will try

harder [in college] and [she] will always remember Saipan, [her] hometown."

Kim will pursue hospitality and marketing at Lansing Community College in Michigan.

Feng Liang Lizama, a graduate from Mount Carmel School, is described as a student with a humble demeanor and a ferocity in her thirst to know more. She explains that she is "not only an offspring of her biological parents but also an offspring of the Northern Marianas." She serves her community in beach clean-ups, in tutoring children, and in volunteering in the Joeten Kiyu Public Library.

Lizama said that she "will always remember the great encouragement from the Saipan Chamber of Commerce."

Lizama will pursue computer and systems engineering at Reseller Polytechnic Institution in New York.

Angela Faith Mamaril, a graduate from Grace Christian

▲ The Saipan Chamber of Commerce members pose with the awardees and their principals. The awardees, from left, are Michael Sheu, Angela Faith Mamaril, Na-Eun Son Kim, Peter Paul Camacho, Melody Johnson, and Feng Liang Lizama.

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Na-Eun Kim gives her thank you speech.

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Michael Sheu gives his thank you speech.

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Academy, is described as a confident and articulate young lady who impressed the panel of Saipan Chamber interviewers with her confidence in each answer to each question. She graduated with a GPA of 4.30 and was the president of the National Honor Society in her high school. She is a current youth senator, writer, and contributor for the *Saipan Tribune*, and an English language and vocabulary tutor.

Mamaril said that she seeks to "come back to Saipan and revive its economy."

Mamaril will pursue political science at the prestigious Emory University in Georgia.

Michael Sheu, a graduate from Marianas Baptist Academy and current student of Em-

ory University, is first awardee in the history of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce to receive a scholarship award as a college student. He is involved in many business projects that involve Saipan.

Sheu said that he "[chooses] quality of life over a bigger paycheck, more taxes, more stress." He encouraged his fellow scholars to think about returning to Saipan for the quality of life in it.

Several special guests to this event were acting governor Jude U. Hofschneider, Consul General Bayani Mangibin of the Philippine Consulate General in Guam, Superior Court Associate Judge David Wiseman, and University of Guam's Katrina Torres.

The main speakers for the event were Mangibin and Torres.



Peter Paul Camacho gives his thank you speech.

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Feng Lizama gives her thank you speech.

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Angela Mamaril gives her thank you speech.

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# Over 500 sign petition to reinstate 2 faculty members

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More than 500 individuals from all walks of life signed petition papers seeking the reinstatement of two faculty members who many believe are victims of "retaliation" from Northern Marianas College president Sharon Y. Hart, Ph.D.

Former Associated Students of NMC president Lawrence Camacho said the documents will be turned in today to the Board of Regents in its scheduled regular meeting.

Camacho once served as honorary member of the board.

He said he is clueless whether the petition will be accepted or not. However, he claims a rejection from the board will only show a lot about its "character."

Both online and petition papers circulating the community that started three days ago have received overwhelming support, the former student leader claimed.

Camacho, a 47-year-old family man, graduated from his associate degree in hospitality last year. During this period, he was elected as ASNMC president but was later removed. At present, he is a student pursuing his bachelor degree in elementary education at the college.

Describing himself as a true advocate of NMC students, Camacho shared with *Saipan Tribune* yesterday how he deeply cares about his local peers whose voices, he said, have not been properly represented in the institution.

"I care about this college; I

care about our local students. I am 47 years old and to be honest, I got better things to do in my life than be here and urged our community to stand up for our institution. Why I am ad-

vocating for these faculty members? Because our students need them," he said.

According to Camacho, the alleged "retaliation" on the two faculty members is not the first at the college. "I am the first who experienced that situation (of retaliation). I was terminated both in ASNMC post as president and as a board member and honorary regent."

In a document obtained by *Saipan Tribune*, board chair

Juan T. Lizama wrote to Camacho on May 24, 2012 informing the student leader that he is no longer allowed to represent the students to the board. Lizama's letter stated that Camacho's term ended on May 1, 2012 pursuant to board policy no. 1003. The chairman's letter was in response to Camacho's disagreement with the decision.

On June 6, 2012, it was Hart's turn to do the same to Camacho citing a similar policy. That policy, according to the president's letter, stipulated that ASNMC officers' term expired upon their graduation from NMC.

Camacho responded to the

president's letter on June 8, 2012 and seek clarifications on specific issues such as the "policy" used on his appointment and about the college accreditation.

"A year later, I got no response from the president's office," he said yesterday, adding that board policy No. 1003 that was used as basis for terminating his term at ASNMC and the board is "inconsistent" with the newly amended ASNMC regulation.

However, the former student leader clarified that this is not the reason why he's criticizing the president and the board but, the "violations" they committed against the college's policies.

Camacho strongly believed that his "termination" from the position was due to his numer-

ous questions and inquiries regarding issues such as students programs and college operation. "I believe that students have the right to know and be informed anything and everything about this college because it's our institution...not Hart's or the Board of Regents' institution."

Camacho claimed that the current board, under the chairmanship of Lizama, lacks "transparency, accountability, and leadership" that an institution well deserved to have. He wished that "change" will happen in the board composition soon.

He further warned the community to be watchful on the next "moves" and "decisions" that the president and the board will take as they will deal with numerous proposed changes in the institution's policies that may gravely impact the stability and credibility of the institution.

## Fund ordered to pay \$43K as compensation to Fund trustee ad litem, 2 lawyers

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REPORTER

U.S. District Court for the NMI designated judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood has ordered the NMI Retirement Fund to immediately remit \$43,394.07 as compensation and reimbursements of expenses to the Fund Trustee Ad Litem and two Fund attorneys for the month of March 2013.

In an order issued on Tuesday, Tydingco-Gatewood approved the request of Fund Trustee Ad Litem Civile and Tang law firm for compensation of \$12,987.50 in professional services and \$339.71 for reimbursement of expenses, for a total invoice amount of \$13,327.21.

The judge granted the Trustee Ad Litem's request for compensation for legal services and expenses incurred by the Fund's counsels Braddock J. Huesman and Daniel J. Berman—\$11,680 and \$18,386.86 respectively.

Tydingco-Gatewood said she has reviewed the invoices and finds the requests for compensation and reimbursements of expenses to be reasonable.

During this time frame, the judge noted that the Trustee Ad Litem and its attorneys continued to meet with financial experts and government officials, participated in settlement negotiations with Hawaii bankruptcy chief judge Robert

Faris, and defended and advanced matters in various lawsuits involving the Fund.

Tydingco-Gatewood ordered acting Fund administrator Lillian Pangelinan to immediately remit the amounts to the Trustee Ad Litem and its attorneys.

The payment, she said, shall come from the Fund's operations budget, but the CNMI government is ultimately responsible for reimbursing the Fund for these funds.

Last month, Tydingco-Gatewood ordered Pangelinan to remit \$84,587.42 as compensation and reimbursements of expenses to the Fund Trustee Ad Litem and its attorneys Huesman and Berman for the months of January and February 2013.

Meanwhile, the judge issued yesterday an order that set the schedules for hearings and filings in the event that settlement negotiations fail in the retiree Betty Johnson's class action lawsuit against the Fund and the CNMI government.

Tydingco-Gatewood set a status hearing on June 14, 2013 at 8am. She ordered Trustee Ad Litem Joseph Razzano to meet with as many current retirees and active employees as possible before the end of the month so as to answer any questions they may have about the settlement negotiations and these proceedings.

## 4 beach sites red-flagged

The Division of Environment Quality has red-flagged Central Repair Shop, American Memorial Park, DPW Channel Bridge, and Garapan Fishing Base and is advising the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of these locations for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified.

DEQ said that samples collected from these locations had

excessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria (enterococci) that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards. These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water. Water samples were taken from 38 locations on Saipan this week. For more information, contact DEQ at 664-8500. (DEQ)

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# 'Requiring procurement protest bonds makes process less open, subject to abuse'

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REPORTER

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce is opposed to a bill requiring bonding by persons making procurement protests, saying the imposition of financial burden on those that

support an open process ultimately makes the procurement process "less open and subject to abuse."

House Bill 18-66, authored by Rep. Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero (IR-Saipan), is now under review by the House Committee on Public Utilities,

Transportation and Communications that the author himself chairs.

Alex Sablan, Chamber president, said the business group "does not support for passage of HB 18-66."

"First, why would an entity filing a protest to a bid award-

ed deemed successful bear the cost of the bid protest? Has not that successful protest assisted the CNMI in ridding the process of an awardee awarded a bid that was deficient, defective, or improperly awarded?" Sablan said in a letter to the House PUTC Committee.

Sablan said the procurement and supply process contains adequate remedies that protect both the awarded bidder and the CNMI government.

"To place financial burden upon opportunity to keep the process legitimate is hindering the process itself. The CNMI courts, and the Procurement and Supply Division, already have sufficient recourse addressing frivolous complaints and those aggrieved at the loss of a bid award," he said.

Lastly, he added, the CNMI's procurement and supply process has been oftentimes criticized for evidencing favoritism and a less than open

process, and HB 18-66 will "ultimately make it less open and subject to abuse."

Deleon Guerrero's bill requires a bond when entities file procurement protests to cover cost and delays resulting from the protest.

Under the bill, those filing procurement protests are required to file a bond payable to the procuring agency in the event that the protest is withdrawn, dismissed, or denied.

The insurance commissioner has to approve the bond, in such amount and terms and conditions the Procurement and Supply director determines.

## Neighbor allegedly beats up, attacks man with screwdriver

A man was seriously injured after a neighbor allegedly beat him up and attacked him with a screwdriver on a road leading to Susupe Lake on Tuesday morning.

John F. Faisao was lying down on the ground with bloodstains covering his face when two police officers arrived at the scene.

Faisao's right side of the face was swollen and he could not open his right eye. He received stitches inside his mouth and was admitted at the Commonwealth Center for further observation, police said.

The suspect, Joseph Mafnas Dela Cruz, 58, was arrested and taken to Superior Court yesterday for his initial appearance.

Associate Judge David A. Wiseman imposed a \$25,000 cash bail for Dela Cruz's temporary release.

Detective Jesse K. Seman stated in his report that on Tuesday at 6:02am, two police officers responded to Susupe after the Department of Public Safety

received a disturbance call.

After seeing the bloodied Faisao, the officers summoned medics, who then transported him to CHC.

Seman said preliminary investigation showed that at 6am that day, Faisao was walking from his residence in Susupe Lake area on his way to work, he passed by the residence of Dela Cruz.

Dela Cruz shouted at Faisao, but the latter ignored him. Dela Cruz then allegedly approached and punched Faisao on the face and started hitting him with a screwdriver using its butt.

Faisao tried only to block the blows as he did not want to fight back for fear that Dela Cruz would stab him.

When the alleged victim fell to the ground, the suspect allegedly continued kicking him repeatedly.

On that same day, police arrested Dela Cruz.

Faisao told police that he and Dela Cruz had personal issues since 2011. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

## Kennedy is District Court's magistrate judge

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REPORTER

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona has selected attorney Heather L. Kennedy to be a part-time magistrate judge.

Manglona appointed Kennedy as clerk of court at the U.S. District Court for the NMI effective last April 13. Kennedy will now be holding the position of a combined clerk of court/part-time magistrate judge.

*Saipan Tribune* learned yesterday that the U.S. District Court will be holding an investiture ceremony in honor of Kennedy as part-time magistrate judge.

The ceremony will be on Tuesday, June 11, at 9:30am in the U.S. District Court courtroom in Garapan.

The Judicial Conference of the United States has authorized the combined clerk of court/part-time magistrate judge position for the U.S. District Court for the NMI.

The federal court started ac-

cepting applicants for the clerk of court/part-time magistrate position on Jan. 7, 2013 and closed it on Jan. 25, 2013.

Manglona appointed District Court of Guam clerk of court Jeanne G. Quinata to chair the merit selection panel, which has two other members.

After interviewing the top five applicants, Manglona selected Kennedy. The FBI then subjected Kennedy to extensive background investigation.

*Saipan Tribune* learned that after the FBI completed the investigation, Manglona then appointed Kennedy for a four-year term part-time magistrate judge.

Magistrate judges perform a wide range of duties in criminal and civil matters such as hearing pretrial motions, conducting settlement and pretrial conferences, and handling most pre-trial matters.

Kennedy has more than 17 years of legal experience. Prior to joining the District Court, she served as executive director of the Law Revision Commission and general counsel to the NMI Judiciary.

## CASINO

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All the 20 House members were present at the session yesterday that started shortly after 9:30am yesterday. But it was only after a lunch recess at 1:30pm that the debate on the casino bill started and the first adopted floor amendment didn't come until 5:49pm.

Members offered nine floor amendments, two of which were defeated.

The defeated amendments came from Vice Speaker Frank Dela Cruz (IR-Saipan), who wanted 100 percent of Saipan casino revenues, fees, penalties, and taxes to go toward the Retirement Fund and remove the \$50,000 annual salary of Saipan casino commissioners, as well as from Rep. Felicidad Ogu-moro (R-Saipan), who wanted a casino license to be issued to a Northern Marianas Descent casino owned by NMDs which is required from making any advance payments for a casino license.

The lengthy debate wrapped up at 7:56pm, when the vote on the last of the seven adopted floor amendments came in.

Of the seven adopted amendments, six were offered by Rep. Tony Sablan (IR-Saipan), and the last one was from Rep. Richard Seman (R-Saipan).

Sablan's adopted floor amendments included removing the provision on an "exclusive" casino license. Seman's adopted floor amendment removes all poker and gaming devices on Saipan within a year after the granting of casino licenses on Saipan and reserves \$3 million for SHEFA from Saipan casino money.

At 7:59pm, the House passed HB 18-45, HD7 by a vote of 13-7.

The 13 members who voted "yes" to the Saipan casino bill were Reps. Antonio Agulto (IR-Saipan), Antonio Benavente (IR-Saipan), George Camacho (R-Saipan), Lorenzo Leon Guerrero (IR-Saipan), Ralph Demapan (Cov-Saipan), Christopher Leon Guerrero (Cov-Saipan), Felicidad Ogu-moro (R-Saipan), Tony Sablan (IR-Saipan), John Paul Sablan (Cov-Saipan), Teresita Santos (R-Rota), Richard Seman (R-Saipan), Mario Taitano (IR-Saipan), and Speaker Joseph Deleon Guerrero (IR-Saipan).

The seven who voted "no" to the casino bill were Reps. Roman Benavente (IR-Saipan), Trenton Conner (Ind-Tinian), Frank Dela Cruz (IR-Saipan), Janet Maratita (Ind-Saipan), Ray Tebuteb (Ind-Saipan), Edmund Villagomez (Cov-Saipan), and Ralph Yumul (IR-Saipan).

When the House session be-

gan yesterday morning, members received public comments including from those supporting the Saipan casino bill including former representative Daniel Quitugua, former speaker Pedro R. Deleon Guerrero and retiree Antonio Cepeda. No one testified against the bill.

During a session break, Rep. Tony Sablan (IR-Saipan) told his colleagues who were in the chamber that he hopes no one in the chamber promised any prospective casino investor anything because this "will get you into trouble."

"The potential investor can be anybody. I hope no one made a promise to anyone," Sablan said.

Maratita later told *Saipan Tribune* that the passage of the casino bill is "a slap in the face" of Saipan voters who already rejected similar proposals twice before.

Dela Cruz said Japan visitors may be discouraged from visiting the island if there are casinos here, citing a survey.

"This is Japan, our main tourism market. We are basically taking a gamble here. We are basically beginning a gamble right now," Dela Cruz said.

When Dela Cruz exceeded the five-minute limit on comments, the House suspended its rule to allow up to 10 minutes of comment on each round of

comments.

Tebuteb said if the members are so concerned about the Retirement Fund's lifespan, then they should dedicate all money from the Saipan casino industry to the pension agency.

Conner, for his part, said the reason why Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino did not prosper was "a lot of political play," including the unfulfilled promise from the then administration to the Dynasty investors that within two years of Dynasty's development, the Tinian airport will be developed into an international one.

Demapan read his prepared six-page speech justifying the need to pass the Saipan casino bill mainly to save the Retirement Fund. The government owes the Fund over \$300 million in unremitted employer contribution.

"Honestly, can we afford to gamble on doing nothing? I for one will vote and have no regrets because I prefer to try and fail than to sit and do nothing," he said.

Yumul cited the social ill effects of having casinos on Saipan. Other members later on asked that the casino bill be referred back to committee but this was defeated because the same committee that reviewed it—Commerce—recommended that the full membership act on the bill.

## BALLOT

From Page 1

The NMI Constitution requires that such question be posed to voters at a regular general election no later than 10 years after the question was last submitted.

An act of the Legislature under this constitutional provision may not be vetoed by the governor.

The last time voters were asked the same question was in the 2005 general election.

House Speaker Joseph Deleon Guerrero (IR-Saipan) reminded members that the House also needs to appropriate funding for the question's placement on the ballot in 2014 if the bill also passes the Senate.

The NMI Constitution was adopted by the first constitutional convention delegation on Dec. 5, 1976, and ratified by Commonwealth voters on

March 6, 1977. At the time, 6,554 voted in favor of ratification and 258 opposed it.

The NMI Constitution became effective on Jan. 9, 1978. Since its adoption, it has been amended over 50 times.

After the 1978 adoption of the NMI Constitution by the first constitutional convention, two subsequent conventions convened.

On Nov. 3, 1985, voters ratified all 44 amendments proposed by the second constitutional convention that was held the same year.

All 19 amendments proposed by a third constitutional convention that was held in 1995 failed to win the voters' approval.

An amendment proposed by constitutional convention becomes effective if approved by a majority of the votes cast and at least two-thirds of the votes cast in each of two senatorial districts.

## SENATE

From Page 1

As of yesterday, there is no telling whether those who support or oppose the nomination will testify before the Senate panel on Monday morning.

Sen. Frank Cruz (R-Tinian), committee chairman, told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that the EAGI panel received the required documents such as police clearance, resume, drug test results, and statement of financial interest from the nominee himself and not from the Executive Branch "more than a week ago."

Cruz said there is nothing in the Senate rules that require that these documents should come from the governor's office.

"We are not changing the Senate rules. It does not say whether the documents should come from the administration or the nominee," Cruz said.

He said in the past, however, the administration was given courtesy to submit the papers in behalf of the nominee.

Acting governor Jude U. Hofschneider has declined more than once to comment on the required documents other

than saying he "stands by" the nomination.

Quichocho was only among a few lawyers in the CNMI that publicly supported the impeachment of former governor Benigno R. Fitial, who resigned days before his impeachment trial.

Quichocho was also the counsel for a taxpayers' lawsuit against a no-bid, 25-year \$190-million diesel power purchase agreement with Saipan Development LLC that was a major part in the Fitial impeachment.

But the NMI Bar Association gave Quichocho a failing grade on his suitability as an associate judge.

Moreover, there have been complaints related to fraud, racketeering and rape, among other things.

Gov. Eloy S. Inos earlier said there are "options" to deal with all these including the Senate disposing of the nomination since it is now in their court, or the nominee himself bowing out.

Another option is for the administration to withdraw the nomination, but that has not been done.

The Senate EAGI panel is thus moving ahead with the public hearing on Monday.



# Japanese investors seek contempt vs Quichocho, Myers

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A group of Japanese investors has asked the Superior Court to require attorneys Ramon K. Quichocho and Robert H. Myers to appear in court to show cause why they should not be held in contempt for making slanderous, false, and unethical attacks against Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo.

Attorney Stephen J. Nutting,

## Cuerdo accepted to JSA summer school at Stanford

Marianas High School students Jonaville Cuerdo has been accepted to the Junior Statesmen of America summer school program at Stanford University next month.

Cuerdo is scheduled to fly to Stanford University on June 23 for the month-long summer classes.

According to Larry Guillemette, chief academic and outreach officer for The Junior Statesmen Foundation, Cuerdo has been named recipient of the full scholarship provided by the U.S. Department of Interior-Office of Insular Affairs to attend the summer program. The scholarship covers full tuition and travel expenses for the event.

In a letter from JSA Summer School director Steve Bayne, Cuerdo was informed that her application was outstanding and the admissions committee was very impressed. The local scholar was provided needed information that will help her prepare for the exciting and enriching summer studying at one of the nation's most elite universities.

According to Bayne, Cuerdo will have a great time studying politics and discussing current issues with students from all over the nation and around the world. Being a part of the Junior Statesmen Summer School is a great achievement that merits recognition, he added.

The mission of the Junior State of America and the Junior Statesmen Foundation is to strengthen American democracy by educating and preparing high school students for life-long involvement and responsible leadership in a democratic society.

In the student-run Junior State and at JSA summer schools and summer institutes, participants learn statesmanship as they engage in political discourse. They cultivate democratic leadership skills, challenge one another to think critically, advocate their own opinions, develop respect for opposing views and learn to rise above self-interest to promote the public good. (*Moneth G. Deposa*)

counsel for Shinji Fujie and Toshin Group International Inc., stated that Quichocho and Myers' attacks against Govendo are sanctionable and contemptuous and in violation of ethical rules.

*Saipan Tribune* contacted Quichocho and Myers for comment, but as of press time yesterday they had yet to reply.

Nutting said Quichocho, as a candidate for a judicial position, has also violated the Canons of Judicial Conduct, "even before assuming the position he so covets and believes he deserves"

"Rather than promoting the public confidence in the integrity and impartiality of the judiciary, he attempts to subvert and destroy it by slandering the reputation of a sitting judge through false and salacious innuendo based upon a morally corrupt editing of a statement taken out of context, purposely slanted, for an improper purpose," he said.

Nutting pointed to Quichocho and Myers' alleged sanctionable attacks on Govendo in Shinji Fujie and Toshin Group's opposition to Quichocho and Joaquin Q. Atalig's motion for reconsideration of Govendo's ruling.

In that ruling dated May 10, 2013, Govendo found Quichocho to have induced landowner Joaquin Atalig to violate public policy by filing false documents with the Commonwealth Recorder's Office.

Govendo said that Quichocho's conduct of inducing Atalig to breach a land lease agreement was improper.

Govendo ruled that Fujie and Toshin Group lease of two parcels of land near Ladder Beach

remains valid.

Fujie and Toshin Group leased the land from Atalig in June 2006 for 55 years and paid \$363,000. Less than three years later, the investors were informed that Atalig had terminated the lease, with the advice and assistance of Quichocho, according to court documents.

Last week, Quichocho as pro se and Myers, as counsel for Atalig, filed a motion for reconsideration of Govendo's ruling.

Quichocho and Myers said that Govendo should recuse himself because he is prejudiced against Filipinos and locals.

Quichocho and Myers said Govendo in a previous case stated..."I wish I could get rid of the locals but I can't. They're American citizens..."

Second, Quichocho and Myers said, the court should grant the motion to reconsider in order to correct a clear error and/or prevent manifest of injustice due to the fact that the court impermissibly weighed evidence and determined that the truth of the matter is about "respect" owed and "not paid."

Quichocho and Myers said to hold the former liable for giving honest and/or good faith advice as a lawyer is manifestly unjust and it sends a chilling effect throughout the legal community practicing before Govendo's court because lawyers are now subject to lawsuits by third parties for advice they give to their clients.

In plaintiffs' opposition, Nutting said Quichocho and Myers accuse Govendo of being biased and prejudiced against Philippine citizens and the "local" populace, and request that the

judge recuse himself or suggest that he should be disqualified.

"In making this accusation they take a prior statement made by the court completely out of context to portray the judge in a false light in an effort to subject him and his decision to public scorn and ridicule. This cannot be tolerated by the CNMI Bar or the Judiciary," Nutting said.

The lawyer said it is evident from the timing and circumstances under which the motion is filed that Quichocho and Atalig hope to impugn the reputation of the judge, and in turn cast doubt on the legitimacy of the court's ruling against them.

"They do so, not because there exists any real basis for their accusations, but because they hope that by casting such aspersions, they will increase Mr. Quichocho's ability to withstand the widespread criticism he has received for his conduct in cheating unwitting investors out of lands in transactions that he has been involved with, not only in the instant case, but in a prior case which was decided against him in the United States District Court," he said.

Nutting said the accusations against Govendo are not lodged in good faith, but with intentional dishonesty and in reckless disregard for the truth.

In accusing Govendo of having a bias and prejudice against "locals" and Filipinos, Nutting said Myers and Quichocho cite a disciplinary case against Govendo, a case which was decided in December 2010.

Nutting said Quichocho and Myers quote a snippet from

that decision where Govendo is quoted as saying, "I wish I could get rid of the locals but I can't. They're American citizens..."

Nutting said in taking this small portion of the quotation out of context, Quichocho and Myers unfairly and dishonestly portray Govendo in a false light.

"In actuality, Judge Govendo was simply chastising a Filipino man and alien resident who was subject to deportation and who had been accused and criminally convicted of numerous counts of serious domestic violence that caused severe injury," said Nutting as he wrote the full quote.

Nutting said in making the statement, Govendo was simply stating his disdain for those who commit domestic violence against their spouses, children and other family members.

Nutting said Govendo did not say that he had any bias against law abiding locals and Filipinos.

Nutting said to take this singular statement out of context to reach the patently false conclusion that Govendo is biased against locals and Filipinos, is not only sanctionable, it is "abandoned" and "utterly lacking in moral restraints; shameless; wicked," and contemptuous.

More importantly, he added, it is in violation of the rules of ethics which govern the legal profession.

Govendo was appointed to sit on this case by order of presiding judge Robert C. Naraja on Aug. 16, 2010.

Nutting said now, almost three years after the appointment, Quichocho and Myers seek the disqualification, or at

least the recusal, of Govendo based solely upon a statement taken out of context and made in completely different case which has no logical connection to the case at hand.

Nutting said Quichocho has been nominated by Lt. Gov. Judge Hofschneider to an appointment as a judge of the Superior Court.

Therefore, he said, Quichocho is also bound by the Canons of the Code of Judicial Conduct.

Nutting cited Canon 1 that states that "A judge should uphold the integrity and independence of the Judiciary" and Canon 2 that states "A judge should avoid impropriety and the appearance of impropriety in all his activities."

Nutting said in their efforts to slander Govendo's reputation with false and reckless claims of bias and prejudice, Quichocho and Myers have not only violated the American Bar Association's Rules of Professional Conduct.

In filing their motion, Nutting said, the defendants offer no new facts or evidence and cite to no change of controlling law.

Calling the motion as completely frivolous, Nutting said had Quichocho and/or Myers, done any small amount of research, they would have learned that bringing on such a motion based upon the same arguments previously raised and rejected would be futile.

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# Yujin, Dalusung top GCA middle school graduates

By **MONETH G. DEPOSA**  
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REPORTER

Fourteen-year-olds Yujin Lee and Frances Joseph Dalusung were hailed as this year's most outstanding junior high graduates at Grace Christian Academy as they emerged the class valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively.

Lee is the daughter of Han Ok Kyoung and Lee Jong Kwon. She was recognized by her institution for demonstrating excellence in her studies. Lee was named the recipient of eight other special awards during their commencement exercises recently held on campus and among these special honors were the diligence award, consistent principal's list, sports awards, and others.

Proud of all her achievements, Lee told *Saipan Tribune* that all this would never have been possible



**Yujin Lee**  
Valedictorian

sible without the support and guidance of her family, especially her parents who she credited for all their sacrifices and hard work. Mentors, peers, and friends were also recognized by the outstanding graduate.

"If it were not for these people,



**Francis Joseph Dalusung**  
Salutatorian

I would not have been able to receive this award. I hope that I can do my best in all of the years to come," she said.

In her valedictory address, Lee shared an inspiring story about a homeless school girl who has proven herself and

soared in high school despite living in homeless shelters all her life. "Now, we are in a much privileged environment. We must start acting upon whatever is necessary to fulfill our dreams," she told fellow graduates.

The school's salutatorian honor was bestowed to Francis Joseph Dalusung, the son of Leah and Frank Dalusung. Besides this award, the young Dalusung was also named recipient of a number of special recognitions including the prestigious Eagle Award.

In his speech, Dalusung encouraged his peers to never give up on their dreams.

GCA named Alyssa Jade Nunez as the Eagle Award runner-up and also named fourth honor. Third graduating with honor is Jilian Cyril Salcedo. GCA promoted 26 eighth graders to high school during last

week's special ceremony that saw the attendance of families,

friends, and supporters of the graduates.

## Loken donates \$200K worth of scholarship to senior student

By **MONETH G. DEPOSA**  
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REPORTER

A graduating senior from Kagman High School is the lucky recipient of close to \$200,000 worth of college scholarship after Commonwealth Teacher of the Year Peter Loken chose the deserving student for the award.

Michael Lampha, 18, bested dozens of public high school students who vied for the scholarship.

Education Commissioner Rita A. Sablan, Ed.D., told *Saipan Tribune* that Lampha's scholarship grant wouldn't have been possible without Loken's passion to make a difference in the lives of public school students.

"Peter (Loken) gave this scholarship to a student who really needed it the most. This scholarship was actually awarded to our teacher of the year which he can take to get his master's degree or further his education. Instead, he decided to give it to Michael (Lampha) to help the student pursue his dream," Sablan told *Saipan Tribune*, adding that she is very pleased with the action demonstrated by the CNMI's public school top educator.

The commissioner admitted she didn't expect Loken will give the scholarship away, adding his generosity is something worth recognizing.

"He (Loken) gave up close to \$200,000 scholarship grant for himself. So I am very grateful to Peter for his contribution to education. How many of us can do that? Even if it's only

one child, this will make a lot of difference..." according to the commissioner.

Lampha was nominated by his teacher Peter Aldan for the scholarship. The student was then selected based on his essay and application form. After high school, he can attend University of Phoenix in Arizona or study online for his college degree.

According to the commissioner, Lampha's personal story is very "heartwarming."

*Saipan Tribune* learned that the student lost his mother at a very young age. He was later adopted by Froilan Camacho who took care of the child and has been worried about his future since then. Lampha was described by his mentors and family as a bright student who deserves to be given the opportunity to further study and grow.

"Now with the scholarship, Michael can pursue his college either on campus or online," said the commissioner.

*Saipan Tribune* learned that Lampha is only the third student from the CNMI to be bestowed the high-profile scholarship, a distinction awarded by the University of Phoenix's "Teach It Forward" scholarship program in partnership with the Council of Chief State School Officers and the Network of National Teachers of the Year.

Lampha's personal challenges and his desire to overcome won the attention of the scholarship panel which concurred with his selection. Lampha plans to pursue a degree in criminal justice after high school.



### CLASS REUNION

Members of Marianas High School Class of 1973 pose for a group photo during their 15th year class reunion. The 40th year class reunion is set for this month and activities include Family Pot-Luck Picnic At Minachum Atdao on June 8 from 10am to 3pm, Commemoration Mass at St. Jude Church 4pm on the same day, and a banquet dinner at Pacific Islands Club Saipan on June 15, 6pm.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

## NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING for Greenstar Corporation

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**Date:** June 20, Thursday  
**Time:** 5:00 pm  
**Place:** Zoning Board Conference Room, 2nd flr, Joeten Dandan Building, Saipan

The above application may be viewed at the Zoning Office, 2nd Floor, Joeten Dandan Building, Saipan. Comments on the project may be submitted orally or in writing at the public hearing. Written comments shall be submitted in writing to the Zoning Office, 2nd floor, Joeten Building, Dandan, Saipan no later than 4:30pm, June 19, 2013. Written comments may also be submitted via email to [therese.ogumoro@zoning.gov.mp](mailto:therese.ogumoro@zoning.gov.mp), via US mail to Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950.

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the public hearing, or if you require assistance, please call 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq. & Saipan Zoning Law of 2008).

/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Board Chairman

**Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation**  
 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands  
 1 Lower Navy Hill Road Navy Hill, Saipan, MP 96950

**Stakeholders Advisory Committee**  
CNMI Health Information Exchange (CHIE)  
Public Announcement

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation (CHCC), as the State Designated Entity (SDE) for the CNMI Health Information Exchange, appointed by Governor Eloy S. Inos, will host a meeting on Monday, June 10, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. in the CHCC Administrative Offices Conference Room 3. The public and all health care stakeholders are invited to attend and participate.

State Health Information Technology (HIT) Meeting  
Monday June 10, 2013 at 5:30 p.m.  
in CHCC's Conference Room 3

**Agenda**

- I. Welcome and Purpose of Meeting
- II. Stakeholders Present
- III. State HIT Coordinator
- IV. Review of Agenda
- V. Organization of Stakeholders Advisory Committee
  - A. Governor's Executive Memorandum Discussion to phase out the Health Care Quality Network Association (HCQNA) Bylaws
  - B. Election Chair and Vice Chair
- VI. Regular Business
  - A. Health Information Technology (HIT) Activities Update
  - B. State Medicaid HIT Plan and Activities
  - C. Regular Stakeholders Updates CHCC EHR Network
  - D. Health Information Exchange
- VII. New Business
- VIII. Next Meeting
- IX. Adjournment

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A MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE FOR THIS PROJECT IS SCHEDULED AT 10:00 A.M., LOCAL TIME, ON JUNE 11, 2013 AT THE DPL CONFERENCE ROOM, SAIPAN.

ALL INQUIRIES SHALL BE IN WRITING AND ADDRESSED TO PATRICIA RASA, DIRECTOR, PLANNING DIVISION, DPL, P.O. BOX 500380, SAIPAN, MP 96950 OR FAXED TO (670) 234-3755 AND MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS, JUNE 14, 2013. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS SHALL BE SHARED WITH OTHER BIDDERS.

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/s/ PEDRO A. TENORIO  
ACTING SECRETARY OF DPL

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN  
DIRECTOR, P&S

**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY  
CNMI GOVERNMENT**

**INVITATION TO BID**  
**ITB NO.: ITB13-DPL-107**

**SUBMISSION/OPENING DATE: JUNE 25, 2013 TIME: 10:00 A.M.**

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CNMI Government**

**INVITATION FOR BID**

**IFB NO.: IFB13-HSEM-123 (A-G)**  
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Prospective bidders may retrieve a copy of the complete contents of the Invitation for Bids at the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base Dr., Saipan, during regular working hours.

The CNMI government reserves the right to reject any or all bids, or portions thereof, and waive immaterial defects if to do so would be in the best interest of the CNMI government.

/s/ Marvin K. Seman  
Special Assistant for Homeland security

/s/ Herman S. Sablan  
Director, P&S

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# Former CNMI resident on the way to Miss USA pageant



## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### MHS general meeting this June 14

The Marianas High School class of 1983 would like to invite everyone for its general meeting on June 14, 7pm at Filcam Oavilion, next to the basketball court in Susupe. The purpose of the meeting is for the distribution of the banquet tickets and T-shirts orders.

For more inquiry or information, call Tonnei Camacho at 483-9665. **(PR)**

### Survivors, caregivers support meeting on June 20

All people facing cancer, their family members, and caregivers are invited to the next CCA monthly support meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 20, 5:30pm at Hyatt Regency Saipan's Chamolinian Room. To RSVP or for more information, please call the Commonwealth Cancer Association at 682-0050 or email at ccamarianas@gmail.com.

### CCA Board Meets on June 18,

The Commonwealth Cancer Association Board of Directors' will be holding its board of directors meeting on June 18, 3pm at the CCA conference room. Agenda includes reports from the president and program updates. All board meetings are open to the public. For more information, contact the Commonwealth Cancer Association at 682-0050 or email at cca@ccamarianas.org. **(PR)**

### Energy Star Rebate Program temporarily suspended

The CNMI Energy Division

has temporarily suspended its Energy Star Rebate Program effective immediately until further notice. This temporary program suspension will allow the CNMI Energy Division Office to reconcile all rebate vouchers.

For more information, contact the Energy Division-Energy, Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program office at 664-4487/89/90. **(PR)**

### NSA's 2013 Tee Ball league season

The Natibu Sports Association is looking for interested teams to participate in its upcoming 2013 Tee Ball league that is tentatively scheduled to start on Saturday, July 13. Space is limited and we will only accommodate the first eight teams that register. If you are interested, call Claire Sablan at 287-7352 to reserve a slot for your team. The first team meeting will be on Friday, June 7, at NSA's building in Tanapag village right next to the Tanapag Elementary School. The team is open to boys and girls ages 4-8. No experience is required. **(PR)**

### Raffle drawing postponed

The Sexual Assault Awareness Month raffle drawing has been postponed to July 18 at 7pm and will be held at the Garapan Street Market. The raffle is an annual fundraiser for the Northern Marianas Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence and all funds raised will go to the Coalition. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and thank you for your understanding and support. For more information, call 234-3878. **(PR)**



Bennett

By REINA S. PEREZ  
STUDENT REPORTER

A former CNMI resident who is now a senior at Boise State University in Idaho is on her way to the Miss USA International pageant. Island girl, Yvette Marie DeLeon Guerrero Bennett, was crowned Miss Idaho U.S. International late last year. She is looking forward to the Miss USA International Pageant in Orlando, Florida on June 28 and 29.

The present Miss Idaho U.S. International sends her sincere thanks and appreciation to all the people in the social media

and to all the supporters who donated to help her meet the financial obligations to participate in the Miss USA International Pageant.

Bennett says that her family and the people of the CNMI have been her biggest supporters. She is forever thankful for their encouragement to continue the quest for the national title.

According to Bennett, this pageant will provide greater opportunities for modeling contracts.

"Please say a prayer for your home-girl," Bennett said.

More details will be given about the pageant later.

## Federal grant opportunity for community-based organizations

The Office of Grants Management announced a federal grant opportunity for community-based organizations titled, Native Asset Building Initiative.

The synopsis of this opportunity is as follows:

■ Funding Opportunity Number: HHS-2013-ACF-ANA-NO-0587

■ Opportunity Category: Discretionary

■ Posted Date: May 31, 2013

■ Current Closing Date for Applications: Jul 15, 2013

■ Funding Instrument Type: Grant

■ Estimated Total Program Funding: \$2,800,000

■ Award Ceiling: \$1,250,000

■ Award Floor: \$50,000

■ Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education

■ Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education

For the full description of the grant, access grants.gov or the direct link at: <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?sessionId=pFFBRy9Hw2hG788jTD0nC8SvpzyM2TFx3JX92pyvQ6bDm3jIVJb!-2116821137?oppId=235734&mode=VIEW>

For additional information and to be on our mailing list, you can contact the Office of Grants Management at: Tel: 664-2237 or via email at: [sheryl.sizemore@gov.mp](mailto:sheryl.sizemore@gov.mp). **(Office of the Governor)**

### Eligible applicants

## Guam governor, senators propose hospital bailout

HAGATNA, Guam (AP)—Guam Gov. Eddie Calvo and four territorial senators have proposed a bailout for the island's only civilian hospital.

The *Pacific Daily News* reports the group is proposing to have the hospital borrow \$13 million from a bank. Calvo said Monday that he's willing to give the hospital \$2 million a year to repay the bank loan.

The territory would get the money from the \$16 million in federal funds it receives each year to cover public services for people from Micronesia, Palau and the Marshall Islands.

Guam Memorial Hospital struggles because it provides care to everyone needing services, even if they don't have the ability to pay, Calvo said.

The administration is committing to the financial subsidy so the hospital "can focus

on patient care."

Hospital Administrator Joseph Verga has said the hospital would run out of money without a cash infusion of at least \$10 million by next month.

Part of what's weighing down the hospital is debts to vendors, including a pharmaceutical supplier that has assessed \$48,000 monthly interest on the nearly \$5 million that the hospital owes, said Sen. Dennis Rodriguez, Jr., the lead sponsor of Bill 132.

During the first seven months of the fiscal year, the hospital paid about \$500,000 in late fees and penalties to vendors that weren't paid on time, said Rodriguez, who is chairman of the legislative health committee.

Rodriguez said the proposal would buy time for the hospital if the majority of Guam's 15 senators approve it.

## Notice of Zoning Board Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Zoning Board will be held on Thursday, June 20, 2013 at 5:00 PM, Zoning Office, 2nd Floor, Joeten DanDan Commercial Bldg., Saipan (Tel: 234-9661 • Fax: 234-9666 • e-mail: [www.zoning.gov.mp](http://www.zoning.gov.mp))

### A. Preliminary Matters

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of May 23, 2013 minutes
5. Public Comments (not related to files for discussion under item B. Public Hearings)

### B. Public Hearings

1. **Conditional Use Application #2011-6433.** Mr. Mark Hanson, registered agent for Tasi Homes Development Co., LLC, is proposing to build an eight storey, forty-nine unit apartment complex. This use is classified as Multifamily/ Apartment and will be located on lot 003 H 44 in Susupe, across from Mt. Carmel cathedral, at the corner of Hagoi Road and Beach Road leading to Sugar Dock. This area is zoned as Tourist Resort.
2. **Conditional Use Application #2011-6404.** Mr. Jae-Yeol Lim of Greenstar Corporation is proposing to operate a zip-line amusement activity designed to enable users propelled by gravity to travel from the top to bottom of inclined cables. This use is classified as Amusement, Outdoor and will be located on lot 22656 NEW in As Teo area (past Santa Lourdes). This area is zoned as Rural.
3. **Conditional Use Application #2011-6530.** Mr. Howard Wesner III of Town House Inc. is proposing to amend the approved site plan of Conditional Use Permit 2011-0604 issued on 6/15/11 for the company's refrigerated warehouse in Lower Navy Hill, on lots 023 D 68, 023 D 69, and TR. 22812.

### C. Communications/ Reports

### D. Old Business.

1. Update on the Zoning Law of 2013
2. Discussion on Zoning Overlay Districts

### E. New Business

1. Office operations report

### F. Executive (Closed) Session.

### G. Miscellaneous: Other Matters, Announcements, Next Meeting, Adjourn.

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the Board meeting, or if you require assistance, please contact the Zoning Administrator, Therese T. Ogumoro, at 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq. & 10 CMC 3511, et seq.).

/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Zoning Board Chairman

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For questions or access to materials to be considered at the public hearing, or if you require assistance, please call 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq. & Saipan Zoning Law of 2008).

/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Board Chairman

## NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING for Town House Inc.

The public is invited to attend and provide comments at a Zoning Board public hearing on this request for Conditional Use Permit. Mr. Howard Wesner III is proposing to amend the approved site plan of Conditional Use Permit 2011-0604 issued on 6/15/11 for the company's refrigerated warehouse in Lower Navy Hill, on lots 023 D 68, 023 D 69, and TR. 22812.

**Date:** June 20, Thursday  
**Time:** 5:00 pm  
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# Eucon holds 15th commencement exercises

By REINA S. PEREZ  
STUDENT REPORTER

Eucon International School conducted its 15th commencement exercises on Thursday, May 30. The school had 11 high school graduates, seven eighth grade graduates, and 11 sixth grade graduates.

Every year, the school presents three major awards to outstanding students. The first award, the President's award, is given to students who demonstrate obedience, spiritual maturity, godly manners and behavior, and excellence in academics. The second award, the Principal's award, is given to students who demonstrate great improvement in learning in the areas including academics, and social, mental, emotional, or spiritual growth. The third award, the Dean's award, is given to students with excellence in their academic achievements.



Eucon International School principal Christian Wei, fourth from left, poses with high school graduates of during Eucon's 15th commencement exercises last Saturday on campus. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

High school graduating senior Ren Ai Chen was awarded the Dean's Award.

Fei Chen was awarded the Principal's Award in the eighth grade class. Julianna Patricia Perez was awarded the Dean's Award in the eighth grade class.

Yna Ysabelle Poquiz was awarded the Principal's award in the sixth grade class while two of her classmates, Danielle Pineda and Lenard Gabriel Marcial, were awarded the Dean's award.

The school also recognized several Math Court and PGFC winners. The school is proud of the outstanding accomplishments of their students.

At the commencement exercise, principal Christian Wei announced the start of Chinese classes next semester, the summer English Second Language program, summer school, and the kindergarten summer camp.

## Community invited to NMC-CREES Open House

The Northern Marianas College Cooperative Research, Extension and Education Service is inviting all community members to attend its 8th Open House event

on Saturday, June 15, 2013 at the Civic Center Beach, Susupe from 9am to 4:30pm. The Open House will be showcasing the various programs from NMC

CREES.

Attendees of the Open House event will be able to enjoy a display of a wide variety of hydroponic/aquaponic

techniques, learn how to make their own animal feed, taste some delicious tilapia recipes they may want to copy at home, and much more.

As a special highlight of the event, the Aquaculture and Fisheries Development Program will feature fresh, homegrown shrimps for sale. The 4-H Youth Development Program will also be hosting a Youth Agricultural Fair, stage

an Agro-Fashion Show, and will also be putting on a Junior Cooking Competition and a Piglet Race.

For more information about these events, contact the NMC CREES Office at 234-5498 ext. 1705. (NMC)

## UOG hosts training for nursing educators

The University of Guam School of Nursing and Health Sciences recently hosted a training for nurse educators from the University of Guam, Guam Community College, American Samoa Community College (ASCC), the College of the Marshall Islands (CMI), and Northern Marianas College (NMC) in late May. The training was conducted by Dr. Lori Wong and Andrew Currivan from the University of Hawaii at Manoa and focused on program management, teaching/learning strategies, articulation of courses from an associate degree to bachelor degree program and curricu-



From left, Karen Cruz (UOG), Johnny Aldan (NMC), Walton Bohanny (CMI), Megan Kabua (CMI), Rosa Tudela (NMC), Ermelinda Oneto (NMC), Julie Anjolok (CMI), Lele Ah Mu (ASCC), Roseann Apuron (GMHA), Lorna Tolentino (UOG), Vicky Alave (UOG), Andrew Currivan (UH), and Lorrie Wong (UH) pose for a group photo. Not in photo is Loressa Melegrito. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

lum development.

Funding for the training was provided by the Guam/Micronesia Area Health Education Center (AHEC) through a grant from Department of Interior and the Department of Health and Human Services.

The purpose of the Guam/Micronesia Area Health Education Center (AHEC) program is to improve the health of underserved populations in Guam, Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands by: increasing the diversity of the health workforce by recruiting students into health careers especially in primary care and public health; improving the distribution of the health workforce

through interdisciplinary training and internship experiences; and improving the quality and retention of our workforce through continuing education.

AHEC is administered by the UOG School of Nursing and Health Sciences and funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, and local matching funds. AHEC Centers are funded at Guam Community College, the College of Micronesia, and the College of Marshall Islands to implement the objectives of the program.

For more information, contact the AHEC Program Office at (671) 735-2665 or email [kcruz@ugam.uog.edu](mailto:kcruz@ugam.uog.edu). (PR)

## Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

June 6, 2004

### House sets hearing on same-sex marriage

The House of Representatives will conduct a public hearing on June 22 on the proposed measure that seeks to amend the CNMI Constitution to ban same sex marriage in the CNMI. House Legislative Initiative 14-3, introduced by House Speaker Benigno R. Fitial, aims to restrict the conduct of marriage to between people of opposite sexes only. Fitial earlier said that, since the CNMI is predominantly Catholic, there would hardly be any opposition to the proposal. Some individuals, however, have already expressed opposition to the measure. "That'll be interesting if there's actually someone opposing it," said Fitial, reiterating that marriage as taught by the church should be between a man and a woman.

### CDA sues DPW's Atalig over unpaid loan

The Commonwealth Development Authority has filed a lawsuit against Public Works public information officer Felipe Q. Atalig over nonpayment of a loan. The CDA sued Atalig before the Superior Court in his individual capacity and as business owner of Casa De Felipe. CDA lawyer F. Matthew Smith said that Atalig's unpaid obligation now amounts to some \$26,684.03, inclusive of the prin-

cipal amount of \$23,135.25. The alleged obligation stemmed from a \$25,000-loan obtained by Atalig from the CDA in April 2001. To secure the loan, Smith said Atalig mortgaged three parcels of land in Ginalayan, Rota. The aggregate area of the lots is 2,700-sqm.

June 6, 2005

### Power privatization fast-tracked

A new independent power producer is expected to take over the Lower Base power plant by as early as next month, well ahead of the October 2005 target set earlier for the privatization project. Commonwealth Utilities Corp. chair Francisco Q. Guerrero noted that Harris Group, CUC's consultant for the power plant privatization, had aimed to have a contract signed with an IPP by Oct. 1, 2005. However, Guerrero said, a contract might be awarded earlier than this, with only two companies now left to choose from. The two remaining proposers are Telesource CNMI and Rolls Royce Power Ventures.

### Teachers without PRAXIS to become 'subs'

Teachers whose contracts will expire after Aug. 5, 2005 will still be hired even if they have not taken and passed the PRAXIS test, albeit only as "substitute" teachers. Public School System associate commissioner David M. Borja disclosed this new policy during the monthly Board of Education meeting last week. Borja said the board made a policy that PRAXIS is compulsory and if the contract ends before August 2005, they would be renewed for one year but only as a substitute teacher. If their contracts end after August 2005, Borja said they would be rehired until they pass PRAXIS 1 and 2.

June 6, 2006

### Layoffs possible by July 1

The CNMI government is now looking at a closer deadline for the possible furlough of certain employees within the Executive Branch. Press secretary Charles P. Reyes Jr. said yesterday that layoffs may take place by July 1, a month earlier than the target date initially announced by the administration. "Because of the severity of our financial situation, drastic actions are imminent. Such actions will be taken by July 1, 2006. The fourth quarter allotment will be drastically curtailed and furloughs are in order," Reyes said. "We don't have the specific number [of personnel to be terminated or furloughed] yet, but each department in the red will be given direction soon. By July 1, layoffs may take place," he added.

### 'Agent's warrantless entry and arrest of worker constitutional'

Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman yesterday ruled as constitutional a warrantless entry of an Immigration investigator into an establishment and the subsequent warrantless arrest of a nonresident worker. Wiseman said that, because respondent Sarah G. Gascon has characterized herself as an invitee of a public establishment, she consequently has no legitimate expectation of privacy, and thus no constitutional complaint against her warrantless search and seizure. "Invitees in homes have no such legitimate expectation of privacy such that the Fourth Amendment shields them from warrantless search and seizure," said the judge in denying Gascon's motion for summary judgment.





## 2013 SCC CORPORATE CHALLENGE

# Coca-Cola/Glimpses three-peats Team Spirit Award

Coca-Cola Beverage Co. (Micronesia), Inc./Glimpses of Saipan has captured the Team Spirit Award for the third consecutive year at the 2013 Saipan Chamber of Commerce Corporate Challenge Softball Tournament held May 26 at the Capital Hill Ball Field.

Out of 13 teams that joined

the corporate challenge, Coca-Cola Reds was adjudged to have best exemplified team sportsmanship, team cheering, team attire, and team corporate responsibility consistent with the Saipan Chamber of Commerce criteria.

True to the spirit that enabled the team to win the award since

2011, Coca-Cola Reds this year showcased corporate colors in uniform attire, not only for the players but also for supporters and cheering squad. The Coca-Cola Tent, festooned with ornaments made out of recycled soda cans and other repurposed materials, showed corporate responsibility with a green ap-

proach to decorating.

At the bleachers, the entire team supported the players by singing an adaptation of the catchy Coca-Cola jingle, "Always Coca-Cola" to the beat of drums made of repurposed ice cream tubs, and soda cans and straws transformed into maracas.

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce in a media release summed up the team's victory: "Coca-Cola/Glimpses captured their 3rd straight Team Spirit Award trophy, again with cheerleading from stands full of their supporters (and) a tent worth remembering..."

The Coca-Cola Company



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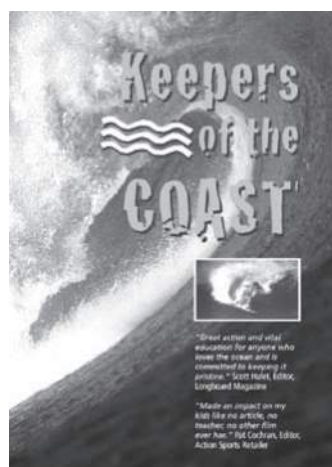
The combined Coca-Cola/Glimpses team has captured for the third consecutive year the Team Spirit Award at the 2013 Saipan Chamber of Commerce Corporate Challenge Softball Tournament. Group president Johnnie V. Fong, seventh right, and Coca-Cola operations manager Rusty M. Loyola, and group vice president Stella T. Fong, ninth left, hold the perpetual trophy and the 2013 trophy, respectively. They are joined by the group management and staff at the Coca-Cola offices in Chalan Laulau.

## First Friday Films celebrates oceans, surfing with new film on June 7

First Friday Films is celebrating World Oceans Day and International Surfing Day this month with a showing of the film *Keepers of the Coast* this Friday, June, 6:30pm at the American Memorial Park.

Every year beaches are closed due to pollution. Millions of dollars in tourism and related industries can be lost from beach closings, in addition to the devastating impact that polluted beaches can have on subsistence fishing, income, health and recreation. Surfers all over the world are realizing the importance in monitoring and preventing pollution on the beaches. When our coastline is polluted, surfers take it on the skin, in their eyes and ears, and even in their guts.

Since the making of this film in 1996, surfers have been organizing world-wide: testing



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*Keepers of the Coast* is this week's feature of First Friday Films.

water quality, funding research on wetland restoration, and educating the public in schools and communities. This film takes us back to the 1990s to show us what the beaches looked like

then and what the water enthusiasts decided to do about it. To bring us back to the present, Clarissa Bearden of the DEQ Water Quality branch will speak before the film about the CNMI's beach monitoring program.

First Friday Films is a partnership between American Memorial Park, the Division of Environmental Quality, Coastal Resources Management, and the Humanities Council with support from other organizations. This particular film is sponsored by DEQ. As always, our film events are free and open to the public. This event will run about 70 minutes.

For more information about First Friday Films, email [fff-saipan@gmail.com](mailto:fff-saipan@gmail.com) or check out [www.firstfridayfilmssaipan.blogspot.com](http://www.firstfridayfilmssaipan.blogspot.com). (PR)

## Fallen Guam National Guard Aguon returns home

Sgt. Eugene M. Aguon, the second of two fallen soldiers of the Guam Army National Guard (GUARNG), returned home yesterday.

A military aircraft arrived yesterday afternoon at Andersen Air Force Base carrying his remains. Members of the GUARNG Military Funeral Honors Team conducted planeside military honors for the fallen soldier. A brief ceremony was also held at the AAFB terminal.

The 36th Wing leadership at AAFB gathered service mem-

bers on the base and formed an honor cordon following the ceremony paying their respects to Aguon with a solemn salute as he made his way to the main gate.

Fellow Guam National Guard service members also formed an honor cordon at the Guam National Guard Barrigada Readiness Center, and conducted their solemn salute as Aguon passed through the complex, before proceeding to the funeral home.

Aguon and SPC Dwayne W. Flores were killed May 16 when a vehicle-borne improvised

explosive device was used to attack their convoy while traversing the streets of Kabul, the capital of Afghanistan. Also killed were four American contractors. Aguon and Flores are part of Task Force Guam, made up of close to 600 soldiers from the 1st Battalion, 294th Infantry Regiment (GUARNG). The Task Force is working under the NATO Training Mission-Afghanistan, International Security Assistance Force Command.

Flores was welcomed home to Guam last Sunday morning, June 2, by family members, island leaders and service members at the Guam International Air Terminal. (PR)



Aguon

## US, New Zealand conduct intl engagement near Guam

**APRA HARBOR, Guam**—Coast Guardsmen and sailors from the U.S. Navy's Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron - 25 (HSC-25), joined with members of the Royal New Zealand Navy in an international exchange off the coast of Guam Thursday.

Prior to its scheduled port call in Guam, the frigate HMNZS Te Mana rendezvoused with the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Assateague, and an SH-60 helicopter from HSC-25 in order to conduct joint training and professional exchanges.

The exchange was comprised

of several activities testing their interoperable command, control and communications capabilities, including naval gunfire support procedures, helicopter deck landing procedures, vessel boarding, search and seizure techniques.

"Engagements such as these are critical to our strong international partnerships," said Lt. Cmdr. Morgan Roper, response department head at Coast Guard Sector Guam. "These activities allow us to learn the procedures and capabilities of our defense partners, and develop the plans which

guide real-world responses."

The United States, New Zealand, Australia and France make up the Pacific's Quadrilateral Defense Coordinating Group; a regional mechanism to provide security, stability and humanitarian assistance to Pacific Island Nations. This group, commonly known as, the Quad Partners, also assist by conducting regular multinational law enforcement operations patrolling millions of square miles of ocean, combating piracy, illegal fishing and other transnational crimes. (PR)

## 5 from China suspected of illegally entering Guam

**HAGATNA, Guam (AP)**—A group of five Chinese nationals, including two children, are suspected of using a small inflatable boat to illegally enter Guam.

A Guam National Wildlife Refuge park ranger on Tuesday spotted a 2-year-old, a 14-year-old, their parents and another man in a shady area Tuesday of the refuge, which includes Ritidian beach, the *Pacific Daily News* reported. They were wet, carrying several bags and fishing poles, the park service said.

When the ranger found their inflatable boat, she called immigration authorities. The group

was taken into custody.

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement said the yellow boat, powered by an outboard motor, came from the Northern Mariana Islands. Chinese nationals are able to travel to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands through a visa waiver program. Since the late 1990s, the 22,500-acre wildlife refuge has often been used as a beach entry point for illegal immigration, mostly from China. Some have come from the garment factories in the Northern Marianas that used mostly Chinese workers.

In 1999, Guam's detention facility was overwhelmed by illegal attempts to enter Guam on boats.

The adults were detained, but ICE said the mother will be released to care for the two children while her deportation case is decided in court.

All five appeared in good health after surviving the voyage over rough seas. The two men suffered from minor sunburn, said Virginia Kice, ICE western regional communications director.

Homeland Security special agents are investigating, Kice said.



# Opinion

Hafa Adali!

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## Konbetsasion Amku' yan Patgon

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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**N**ai magradua i lahihi gi University of Texas, El Paso, pa'gu na sakan ha faisenyu' haf' taimanu na hu ayeg offisiun mañge' (journalist). Era, magradua kumu Journalism Major yan Minor gi philosophy. Guiya tumatiye offisioghu ya magof ni disisioña.

Hu espika na ginen hilu' i manai'hu na offisiu sa' ni unabes 'nai hu guife mañge' gi gaseta. Este na offisiu hu tutuhon deste 1970 na sakan. Adumididi' hu akanteha estake umeskuela ya magradua-yu' gi US Department of Defense School of Journalism gi 1976.

Hu mente na gi todū halom rimulinu gage giya hululu' i para bai' establese un' bos (voice) gi asuntun linahyan siha. Ansianu-yu' kumetuñgu haf' hinasson i tautau-hu gi asuntun niha. Layeye malago'yu' na umakomprende asuntun linahyan siha kosake u guaha edukau yan antau na inadiñgan yan disision ginen siha. Muñga-yu' na otrū para u fan finatinase disision. Debi todū disision man-sustansiau na asuntu siha ginen halom apusiento-ta.

'Nai hu esplilika este na patte gi offisiog-hu ilegña i patgon na megai gi asudaña tautau-ta guihe lagu numana'e-gue' agradesimientu pot tinigege'ña siha gi gaseta. Ti matman ha apunta na si "tatahu ayu ti guahu". Mampos nina' banidosu ni motmut respetu pot un' bos natibu pot asuntu siha.

Gi chagu' na lugat 'nai apattau diariu na eksisiun kuttura yan tradision, man-inibliga i tautau-ta ma-embrasa haf' tinatten niha sin ditension. Deste lĩguahe, fina' kanta yan dinaña sentada sige ma-abiba pot man-mahalañgu nu i likidu na O'Perlas Iya Pasifiku. Man-listu mabesita haye mattu pot minalañgu ya magachuñge estake felis ya ha birague' tatte Marianas. Estague' na kutturan tanu' i muna' likidu yan sahñge' i natibu kontra otrū siha rasan tautau.

Umagapot ham titanu tat asuntu kumu i primet siñku na leblu ni umesplika i Santa Biblia, umasaguan dos lahe 'sino palao'an, mapunu neni dispues de ochu mesis gi halom tiyan nanaña, haf' sustansian pairastru gi familia (estague' 'nai anog si San Jose); inestanan famaguon ni minot de idat; benefisiun obidiente gi man-amku' yan otrū siha attikulu. Unu 'nai umakonfotma ham: presisu na uma'abiba finana'guen espirituat gi famaguon kumu primet lek-sion humide yan respetu.

Unu umestotba 'nai hu sañgane na cha'ña esplikakaye-yu' haf' pinadesen esklabu sa' hu padese ennuu yan tres na mañeluhu kumu famaguon matai. Hu titeg este na pahina ginen leblog-hu pot onru gi mañainahu. Muñga na unina' fan chatsaga pot respondot-hu.

Umasablasus ham pot Attikulu Dose. Ilegña, "Muñga mafa' es-kusu ekonomia ya chamu nasesetbe kumu uttimu midision futturon mame ni man-hoben. Sotta ya hame bai'n disidi gi hilu kinimite mafotman nasion O'Perlas iya Pasifiku". Ha gomgum ñaihon hinasoghu i fino'ña sa' gai sustansia ayu na sentimentu gi proteksion appottunadat manatatte mafotma nasion Islas Marianas. "Ti todū mauleg para i bisnis mauleg para i tautau. Haf' baliña 'an mana' kesnuda hau ya taya' manu hau guatu?"

Huñgan anaku' na karera para u faposgue ya un' dia, gi hilu' ben-dision i Saina, siempre u birague' mage i lahihi ya u pokate manu 'nai ma-imprinta lastroghu siha. Parehu sensian mame: Inadahe sat-ton gi futuron famaguon-ta yan tautau-ta siha. Ha admite na chagu'

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ANY MINUTE NOW...ANY MINUTE...

## Issa, Dole, ah, wah! Oh ba ma?

Jay Carney is now the O's paid liar, by Congressman Darrell Issa's characterization.

We've come a long way from Watergate, baby!

Remember that incredible picture of Nixon's secretary stretching her leg down to reach a control that might have erased sections of a recording while she was transcribing them into prose? I smiled when I saw that, and the explanation. But I never thought of calling her a liar! Politics, after all, is a relational science, and thereby, by necessity is about finessing the truth!

But we shall not belabor Congressman Issa's exasperation. The whole of Washington and the United States, at the moment, is in a state of exasperation, now that it is clear we blurred the line between close management and intimidation, clear fact and believable fiction, public relations and sweetened cover-up, identified necessity and smoothly marketed want.

The worst we thought of President Nixon in his forced exist from Washington was to call him Tricky Dick, a name he earned under General Ike as a Veep, normally reserved for wayward cousins. When the O is, however, called a 'dick head', that is an altogether different matter today, as a Fox news analyst found out.

Former Senator Robert Dole, erstwhile Presidential standard bearer for the Republican Party at a time when folks were not yet shy about claiming party affiliation, came out swinging at the gridlock that has come to characterize US lawmaking. He attributed it to GOP grandstanding. It got the otherwise unemotional but stalwart public servant in a tizzy. He understood about disagreements and all that, but he is clear that the business of Congress is to get things done, to make decisions, accommodate and compromise, get things moving and not got stuck in burnishing public image.

In China, ah-wah-ha-ha is the sound of a child laughing. Its pho-neme is the name of a company that marketed health drinks of milk and fruit juice for children, partnered with Evian to bottle mineral water, has made the richest man in China worth \$20 billion, and is now a sponsor for the Manchester Football Club in England. The company was smart enough to keep itself 49 percent China owned, 51 percent foreign owned, to escape domestic supervision. Ah, wah-ha-ha is definitely something to smile about.

Ah, wah-ha-ha in America is, on the other hand, the sound of the GOP crying out to reform itself! Reformist Republicans are stumbling on each other's path.

I am no Chinese expert but "ba" is the word for the number 8, and though hitting the eight ball directly in pool without hitting one's either lower or higher balls first is bad news, worst if it makes the pocket. But the sound of the number resembles that of the Zhongwen word for "happiness". The Saipan phone company will attest to the popularity of the number when folks from China, Korea, and Japan sign up for a line. DMV will say the same about vehicle plates.

"Ma" has no literal meaning other than as a marker at the end of

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a sentence to denote an interrogative, like the querying greeting "ni hao ma", literally, "you good?" So a Kenyan student at our University who claims to be a distant relation to the White House O, claims that his name is actually an interrogative inquiry if one was happy. In Chinese, of course.

Oh ba ma?

I am fast footing this word play before the Pinoy and Zhongwen audiences, and if I lost the local donkeys and the elephants on the way, let's get you back.

Civility has been lost in the last two years as exasperation found expression on name-calling, or rude behavior; or, worst, sending poison-laced letters to government officials, or pulling the trigger on no one in particular. Congressman Joe who called Obama a liar while he addressed a joint-session of Congress not too long ago. He was hailed a hero in some quarters, and our recent article on a radio commentator threatening to shoot Hillary's privates (other than it showed why my editor is on his seat, and I slob over opinion pieces) indicated a quick deterioration of public discourse. An old lady once wrote, "we do not need to be nice, but we can be kind!" Not in the current political weather!

Beleaguered AG Eric Holder held a conversation with journalists, rightfully boycotted by two invited publications including the New York Times, for being off-the-record. This would be like a 60s Mississippi AG holding an off-the-record conversation on the Ku Klux Klan.

Not too many Americans are happy these days. It is already a matter of record that the al-Qaeda is a CIA child all along, birthed when Afghans were fighting the Russians, and the mujahedeen was recruited to join the fray. John Kerry is scurrying to support al-Nursa, al-Qaeda in the Syrian conflict. Funding terrorist groups makes one a terrorist, right? That makes John Kerry and the rest of Foggy Bottom, Langley, and the Pentagon terrorists. Even McCain got photographed with a known terrorist. That's scary.

More alarming is the news that the Fukushima explosion was a result of the failure to contain the "ultimate heat" from the refining of nuclear materials into weapons grade occurring in the premises of nuclear weapons free Japan! Now, Monsanto has polluted our dining table wheat bread. Does anyone have a surefire test for truth?

Isa, dalawa, Obama! Of course, it is all his fault!



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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR****To Sen. Frank Q. Cruz**

Hafa Adai chairman Cruz and members of the EAGI Committee. I am writing to express my opposition to the confirmation of Mr. Ray King Quichocho.

Mr. Quichocho has been accused of numerous egregious ethical

**Broken promises**

I just got back to our beautiful home a few days ago and let me tell you I am very disappointed in our “new” leadership. I say “new” because even as they promised us just a few months ago that there will be change it’s business as usual. I guess they have not learned that they work for us the people not for their own desires. We as a people have not once but twice rejected a casino here on Saipan. Do they not get that we are tired of the pain and suffering gambling has brought to our beloved home. Do they not know that we are suffering and it is time for them to start helping the situation instead of adding to it.

A casino will only add more hardship to our families; they say it is to benefit the Retirement Fund. Do they not know why the Retirement Fund is such a mess, it is because they had the audacity to stop the governments contribution. Do they not know that if money is only going out and nothing coming in that eventually their won’t be any money left. Why do they instead try suffering just like us and make sacrifices such as cutting there salaries and budgets in half and putting the other 50 percent into the Retirement Fund. Another thing is going into a part-time Legislature with only one house just like Guam. I mean come on if another island can do it and they have a lot more people to be concerned over then we can to. My dear brothers and sisters I believe it is time again for us to take a stand and let them know that it is time for them to make sacrifices just like we have. Let us urge them to do what it right. It is time to change our Legislature so they can be more efficient for us and not for themselves. There is just to many people up there that have a personal agenda. It is time for the two to become one and part-time with limited benefits such as no government-paid vehicles and gas, no air con 24/7, and no paid trips. It is time to hold everyone responsible to do their jobs that they are paid to do. No more free money, no more hand downs. It is time for all of us to stand up and earn what we earn. Please it is time to show them we are tired and they need to sacrifice as much as we do.

**Lester Castro Ngeskebei**

*Via e-mail*

**PATGON**

*From Page 10*

para u hagu’ gi dikiki’ na pasuña gi lastru ni hu pega gi santatte. Homlu’ na inadiñgan pot offisiu yan asuntun linahyan gi sige matu-laika na kuttura yan tradision tanu’. Si Yuus Maase’!

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Lau metgot sentimentoña yan parehu idatña na estudiante-ta siha pot asuntun tanu’ guine. Ala kuenta ileg niniha na chatmiyu dumispopone un’ asuntu ni siha solu debi u dinisponse kumu man-hoben O’Perlas iya Pasifiku.

Hu komprende man-esgin mamanu mage gi hilu’ antau na finapos benefisiun edukasion. Oppan malabla-yu’ na todú patgon ni mafañagu siempre un’ dia u fitme dos timoña ya u famokat independete ginen mañaiña. Maseha hoben iya Marianas gi bandan para u gobietnan maisague’, presisu na umapega papa’ fitme na halige ‘nai siña tumachu dibuenamente. “I tanu’ natibu i solu fuetsa yan linala’ niha gaig guennau na pisu”, ilegña i patgon nu guahu.

Un’ sentimentu ya siempre bes enkuandu u fan afagcha’ gi hilu’ to’a na dibate haf’ uttimu disposition pot Attikulu Dose. Hu lili’e’ na mattu este gi eskaleran direchu kontra obligasion madefenden direchun natibu. Gai tine’ug i asuntu ayu mina’ mauleg u guaha mas inestudia gi entalu’ todú man-natibu gi halom antau na eskalera.

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Ha faisén-yu’ si Buddy Magoo haf’ hinasoghu pot manbenden tanu’. Hu oppe na yangin irensia ginen dos saina, pues mauleg un’ ta’lon humassu haf’ tinatēña ennau na tanu’. Hombre siha mamatit ha’anén niha magu’ot ennau na propiadat. Pues na bali nina’en niha ni motmut sakrifisiu pot hagu ni patgon. Mantene fitme para i famaguon-mu mismu.

violations. He has several pending ethics complaints under review. His peers gave him an “F” in ethics. He has several legal matters against him personally awaiting adjudication. Of serious concern are the latest allegations of unethical and may be even criminal sexual abuse of a female client. The complaint includes allegations of forced sexual relations with a client while she was under the influence of medication when she could not protect or defend herself from his sexual advances. In some jurisdictions, this is called rape. Our knowledge of the complete details of the woman’s allegations is limited as the complaint is sealed. Mr. Quichocho holds the privilege of keeping the complaint sealed until such time that it goes to trial. These are very serious allegations. Because he covets the job being judge, the people have the right to know. The committee should ask him to waive his privilege and disclose fully to the public what these accusations are as part of the confirmation process. Given Mr. Quichocho’s numerous statements about transparency and use of the Open Government Act, it’s time that he opens up his sealed cases so the people can see.

As indicated above, Mr. Quichocho hides behind his sealed disciplinary complaints. Senators, it is your job to clear this matter once and for all before even considering voting on this judicial nominee. The CNMI is at a crucial juncture in our path to regaining trust in our government. Our distrust of the executive branch remains lingering from the recent resignation of former governor Fitial. This appointment is larger than Mr. Quichocho. This is about the preser-

**The root of our problems**

We are in the midst of what is perhaps the hardest test as a Commonwealth. Because of actions and events both within and beyond our control, our collapsed economy has resulted in a multitude of fiscal liabilities for which we have no viable solution short of a miracle.

So what happened? We became partners with the U.S. in a political union, drew billions in federal aid and loans, controlled our labor and immigration and essentially our destiny. We opened our doors to commerce and hungry for success, adopted a garment industry. Small businesses sprung up out of the blue and to everyone’s surprise, we prospered in semi-autonomy from the U.S. Life was good!

Our economy grew but so did our reliance on the garment industry for much of our revenue generation. Tourism dollars notwithstanding, the garment industry’s growth lulled us into a false reality wherein we overgrew the government and overspent like there was no tomorrow. That was until the WTO was born and decided to have a lot of kids in third world countries where labor was cheap and everything was virtually out of the prying eyes of government regulators and advocacy groups. Then everything fizzled, “For Rent” signs sprang up all over the islands, the NMI Retirement Fund found itself searching for the millions promised but not paid, the Commonwealth Health Center started flailing about, families lined the streets for handouts needed for medical referrals, and the Commonwealth Utilities Corp, although autonomous, became a live-in adoptee under the Fitial administration.

Who is to blame? We share the blame 50-50 with the U.S. Our 50 percent began at the polls where we voted for them. Them is the generic term in this case, for those who through their actions, blatantly, willfully, and blindly charted a course for our eventual demise. Remember the huge rallies where the beer flowed like water while people were screaming their hearts out for Ben’s promises of “Better Times”? Face it, even in denial, those of you who swam in the experience can’t hide from history or the truth for that matter. This obviously was not the first but a good example of how politics (perhaps politricks is more appropriate) can bamboozle the population into submission.

When our government grew, it grew out of recklessness, apathy and greed. Realizing opportunities to be exploited and wealth to be gained, our politicians grew the government with supporters, families, and friends without regard to manana. Positions were created, agencies with duplicate functions and some with irrelevant functions, and a lot with outrageous salaries which remain unjustified.

Some examples like the creation of gaming commissions on Tinian and Rota where politics and money were intertwined. Another one is the granting of autonomy to government agencies like the Commonwealth Ports Authority, CUC, among others. These agencies maintained their own mini governments complete with their own HR, wage scales, boards, and standards. Not surprising that admin staff make a lot more money than those in the technical field where one had to be qualified to work. Amazingly, staunch defenders of this multi-tiered obsolete and expensive bureaucracy will defend their schemes even when faced with depleted funds and the looming reductions in force.

vation of the public’s trust in the judiciary. This means requiring the highest ethical standards for the appointee. There can be no room for doubt as to the character of the nominee. Practically speaking, the numerous allegations against him should have disqualified him had the Executive Branch properly done their homework on their nominee. For political favors, the Executive Branch did a lousy job selecting a judicial candidate. Unfortunately, both the governor and the lieutenant governor are not listening to the people’s cry to have Mr. Quichocho’s name withdrawn and they have now washed their hands of the matter. It now falls upon each of you senators to do the right thing and reject Mr. Quichocho’s nomination.

Federal Judge Bennet has found Mr. Quichocho’s improper actions to “smell like a dead fish.” Judge Govendo also found Mr. Quichocho’s actions improper in his recent legal opinion involving a foreign investor. And, there are more that are popping up. Who, in their right mind, would hire a person to watch their child, who is an alleged predator and has multiple other complaints against him and other pending litigation about violation of ethics? That’s what the nomination and confirmation process is about. It is the hiring of one of the most honorable and ethical positions in the CNMI. Please do not place an alleged sex offender and unethical attorney in the House of Justice. As such, I respectfully ask that you preserve the integrity of our judicial system and not confirm Mr. Quichocho.

**Kimberlyn King-Hinds**

*San Jose Village, Tinian*

A short blurb on the Retirement Fund. We all know but refuse to admit the fact that extreme generosity was designed into the Fund by people who kept their fingers scratching for more, knowing that they too will someday reap the benefits. Instead of going with 401k plans or the U.S. Social Security system, they designed and built a government entity to collect employee and employer contributions, invest them and dole out nice monthly stipends based on 80 percent of the three highest wages earned during an employee’s term. In comparison, the U.S. military which is infinitely better funded and requires higher levels of job qualification knowledge and performance, has a retirement system which only pays out 50 percent of a person’s base pay after a full 20 years of service.

The other 50 percent of the blame for our problems goes to the U.S. government. Its policies on expansion in and control over Micronesia and specifically the Marianas began after World War II and through careful and deliberate albeit subtle application of concocted policy, manipulated the people toward a need perhaps even a wanton desire to be permanently under the control of the U.S. This was accomplished through programs initiated under the TTPI administration and continued through the negotiations for our Covenant. Why? Despite its miniscule land mass, the Marianas are strategically located from Asia (China, Russia, and now, North Korea). Permanent presence of the U.S. military on Marianas soil provides for a tangible deterrent and distraction from mainland USA. We serve no other purpose.

While the U.S. desired, perhaps even needed, to own the Marianas Archipelago, the islanders in the NMI opted to form a political union where the islands were neither a territory nor a possession of the U.S. But it did not matter. We gave the U.S. sovereignty, allowed the application of many U.S. laws which are held supreme over our laws and eminent domain rights over our lands. And the U.S. has taken control of our submerged lands under its paramountcy doctrine and our ability to survive autonomously by federalizing our immigration.

Something has to give. Our government needs to understand that its only missions are to provide governance and basic services for the people it serves. It should not be served by the people. It is unaffordable and it has to downsize. It cannot and should not operate at the expense of the majority to provide for the few. The American concept of government and democracy where government is of the people, by the people, and for the people has a long way to go before the U.S. citizens on these Mariana Islands can fully grasp the roles they play, the importance of such roles, and the price for U.S. citizenship. Too bad that in its rush to keep control over the NMI, the U.S. did not even bother to check if we understood. Perhaps once it was handed sovereignty over the NMI, its resources and its people, it simply did not care.

For those who care, I’m indigenous by birth but not a full-blooded NMD by law (CNMI Constitution, Article 12, Section 4)

**Noel S. Reyes**






*Dandan*



Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: [www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/](http://www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/)

# The Weather

## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
				
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 20 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 20 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲ 87° ▼ 78°	▲ 88° ▼ 78°	▲ 87° ▼ 78°	▲ 88° ▼ 78°	▲ 88° ▼ 77°

### Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	▲ 90 ▼ 81
Palau	Showers	▲ 87 ▼ 77
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲ 93 ▼ 78
Chuuk	Showers	▲ 88 ▼ 80
Pohnpei	Showers	▲ 85 ▼ 80
Kosrae	Showers	▲ 85 ▼ 80
Majuro	Mostly Sunny	▲ 87 ▼ 80

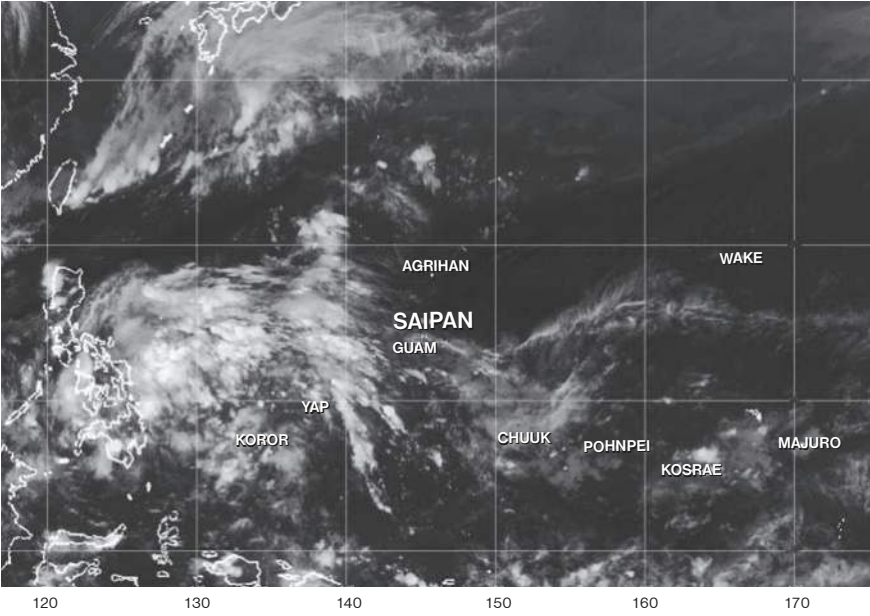
### Around The Globe

Auckland	Sunny	▲ 59 ▼ 49
Beijing	Cloudy	▲ 93 ▼ 69
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲ 85 ▼ 81
Honolulu	Sunny	▲ 85 ▼ 71
London	Mostly Sunny	▲ 68 ▼ 54
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲ 73 ▼ 61
Manila	Thundershowers	▲ 93 ▼ 81
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲ 63 ▼ 51
Miami	Showers	▲ 86 ▼ 78
New York	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 70 ▼ 62
Osaka	Cloudy	▲ 77 ▼ 65
Paris	Sunny	▲ 76 ▼ 61
Pusan	Sunny	▲ 76 ▼ 63
Rome	Mostly Sunny	▲ 74 ▼ 58
Salem	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 81 ▼ 51
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲ 66 ▼ 54
Seoul	Mostly Sunny	▲ 85 ▼ 65
Tokyo	Cloudy	▲ 78 ▼ 65
Washington, DC	Showers	▲ 77 ▼ 69

### Tides

Saipan Harbor				
12:55 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.1 Feet	
6:13 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet	
1:40 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.1 Feet	
8:36 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.7 Feet	

### Yesterday's Satellite Image



**PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 2013**  
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A surface trough west of the Marianas curves southwestward from 23N144E to 13N136E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are occurring between 13N and 23N from 132E to 142E. Another surface trough runs from 11N139E to 3N130E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are occurring around Yap and south and east of Koror within 150 miles of a line running from 10N138E to 6N139E to 2N135E. A trade-wind surge is generating scattered showers and a few thunderstorms from Guam to east of Chuuk and south of Pohnpei within 180 miles of a line from 14N145E to 6N153E then eastward to 6N160E. Trade-wind convergence is producing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms near Majuro between 6N and 9N from 166E to 175E and southeast of Majuro between 3N and 6N from 176E to the dateline.

### Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:46 AM	6:46 PM
Friday	5:46 AM	6:46 PM
Saturday	5:46 AM	6:46 PM
Sunday	5:46 AM	6:46 PM
Monday	5:46 AM	6:47 PM

### Moonrise/Moonset

Today	3:44 AM	4:46 PM
Friday	4:29 AM	5:36 PM
Saturday	5:15 AM	6:25 PM
Sunday	6:03 AM	7:13 PM
Monday	6:51 AM	7:59 PM

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DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA5070	4:35am	5:25am	2, 4, 6, 7	UA 5069	2:45am	3:35am	2, 4, 6, 7
UA5062	4:50am	5:40am	1, 3, 5	UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA5068	8:35am	9:25am	Daily	UA5073	10:00am	10:50am	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7
UA5074	11:20am	12:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA5075	1:45pm	2:35pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5076	3:10pm	4:00pm	Daily	UA5077	5:35pm	6:25pm	Daily
UA5078	6:55pm	7:45pm	Daily	UA5079	8:20pm	9:10pm	Daily
UA5072	9:45pm	10:35pm	Daily				
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	8:45am	Daily	DL298	10:25am	3:05pm	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:25pm	Daily	DL288	8:15pm	12:50am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	1, 4, 5, 7	OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1	OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm	Daily
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily	OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	1, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU764	4:10am	8:00am	1, 5	MU763	7:55pm	3:10am+1	4, 7
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6	3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-KHABAROVSK (KHV)				KHABAROVSK (KHV)-SAIPAN			
SYL9950	6:40pm	1:30am+1	7	SYL9949	12:45pm	5:20pm	7
SAIPAN-VLADIVOSTOK (VVO)				VLADIVOSTOK (VVO)-SAIPAN			
XF1734	4:15pm	10:30pm	4 Every other week eff May 16	XF1733	11:20am	3:25pm	4 Every other week eff May 16
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ606/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN	PR110/UA5072	7:55am	6:25pm	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ606/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	DL172/288	8:00am	12:50am+1	Daily via NRT
UA5070/191	4:35am	9:55am	6 via GUM	UA190/5077	10:55am	6:25pm	3, 6 via GUM
UA5062/191	4:50am	9:55am	3 via GUM	UA190/5079	10:55am	9:10pm	3, 6 via GUM
DL287/173	6:05am	10:05pm	Daily via NRT	OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
UA5068/PR111	8:35am	4:35pm	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM	OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
US5074/PR111	11:20am	4:35pm	1, 5, 7 via GUM	UA184/5071	10:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5076/183	3:10pm	8:45pm	2, 5 via GUM	OZ704/603	11:45pm	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
UA5076/183	3:10pm	8:50pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM	UA184/5071	11:35pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM
OZ604/703	3:30pm	10:45pm	Daily via ICN				
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)				HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN	OZ746/603	12:30am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
UA5076/147	3:10pm	9:50pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM	OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ604/745	3:30pm	10:40pm	Daily via ICN	UA180/5071	10:45pm	8:05am+1	1, 5 via GUM
				UA180/5071	10:50pm	8:05am+1	3, 6 GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; VLK: Vladivostok Air; SYL: Yakutia Air.

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## FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency	Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
<b>Guam-Rota</b>				FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
<b>Rota-Saipan</b>				FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
<b>Guam-Rota</b>				FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
<b>Rota-Saipan</b>							
FRE 1750	17:50	18:20	Daily	<b>Tinian-Saipan</b>			
<b>Saipan-Rota</b>				FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
<b>Rota-Guam</b>				FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
<b>Saipan-Rota</b>				FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
<b>Rota-Guam</b>				FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 400				FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
<b>Saipan-Tinian</b>				FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily	FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily	FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily	FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily	FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily				
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily				



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# Business

## IRS officials enjoyed luxury rooms at conference

WASHINGTON (AP)—Already heavily criticized for targeting conservative groups, the Internal Revenue Service absorbed another blow Tuesday as new details emerged about senior officials enjoying luxury hotel rooms, free drinks and free food at a \$4.1 million training conference. It was one of many expensive gatherings the agency held for employees over a three-year period. One top official stayed five nights in a room that regularly goes for \$3,500 a night. Another official, Faris Fink, stayed four nights in a room that regularly goes for \$1,499.

Fink was later promoted to head the IRS division that staged the 2010 conference in Anaheim, Calif., a position he still holds. He also has the distinction of playing Mr. Spock in a cheesy but slickly-produced “Star Trek” video that IRS employees filmed for the conference.

A total of 132 IRS officials received room upgrades at the conference, according to a re-

port by J. Russell George, the Treasury Department inspector general for tax administration. The tax agency paid a flat daily fee of \$135 per hotel room, the report said, but the upgrades were part of a package deal that added to the overall cost of the conference.

The report was made public on the same day leaders of six conservative groups testified at a congressional hearing, where they told lawmakers they had endured abuse from IRS agents as they spent years trying to qualify for tax-exempt status.

In often-emotional testimony, the conservatives described IRS demands for details about employees’ and group officials’ political activities and backgrounds, for comments they’d posted on websites, for videos of meetings and information on whether speakers at such sessions voiced political views. Some said it took three years to get their tax-exempt status; others said they were still waiting.

“I’m a born-free American woman,” Becky Gerritson, president of the Wetumpka Tea Party of Alabama, tearfully told the lawmakers. “I’m telling my government, ‘You’ve forgotten your place.’”

Federal regulations say that tax-exempt social welfare organizations can engage in some political activity but the activity cannot be their primary mission. It is up to the IRS to make that determination of their level of political activity, and some Democrats at Tuesday’s House Ways and Means Committee hearing noted that some liberal groups also have had a hard time winning tax-exempt status from the IRS.

However, revelations about IRS agents improperly targeting tea party and other groups have led to investigations by three congressional committees and the Justice Department. One top IRS official was forced to resign, another retired and a third was placed on paid administrative leave.

## Chrysler refuses US request to recall vehicles

DETROIT (AP)—A defiant Chrysler is refusing to recall about 2.7 million Jeeps the government says are at risk of a fuel tank fire in a rear-end collision.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration sent Chrysler a letter asking that the company voluntarily recall Jeep Grand Cherokees from 1993 through 2004 and Jeep Libertys from 2002 through 2007.

Chrysler Group LLC, which is majority-owned by Italy’s Fiat SpA, said in a statement Tuesday that the Jeeps are safe and it “does not intend to recall the vehicles.”

Such a refusal by an auto company is rare. NHTSA can order a recall but needs a court order to enforce it.

David Strickland, the agency’s administrator, said in a statement that he hopes Chrysler will reconsider its decision. “Our data shows that these vehicles may contain a defect that presents an unreasonable risk to safety,” Strickland said.

NHTSA opened an investigation into the Jeeps in August 2010 at the request of the Center for Auto Safety, a Washington,

D.C., advocacy group. Clarence Ditlow, the center’s director, has repeatedly sent letters to Chrysler seeking a recall.

The agency found that the Jeeps’ fuel tanks can fail when hit from the rear, leak fuel and cause fires if there’s an ignition source. The placement of the tanks behind the rear axle and their height above the road is a design defect, NHTSA wrote in a letter to Chrysler dated Monday.

Chrysler moved the fuel tanks on the Grand Cherokee ahead of the rear axle in 2005, and did the same thing with the Liberty in 2007. But retrofitting the older Jeeps with repositioned tanks would be time consuming and costly. In 2011, when Toyota recalled 1.7 million cars for possible fuel leaks from loose fuel pressure sensors, an analyst estimated the cost at \$240 million.

Automakers usually agree to a recall request, partly to avoid bad publicity. In the last three years, Chrysler has conducted 52 recalls.

The company previously refused a NHTSA request in 1996, when the agency asked it to recall 91,000 Dodge Stratus and

Chrysler Cirrus cars for an alleged seat belt defect. NHTSA sued the company and won in federal court. But in 1998, an appeals court reversed the decision, saying NHTSA had unfairly held Chrysler to a new standard.

Chrysler was represented in that case by John Roberts, now chief justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.

Chrysler says its review of nearly 30 years of data shows a low number of rear-impact crashes involving fire or a fuel leak in the affected Jeeps.

“The rate is similar to comparable vehicles produced and sold during the time in question,” the company said in the statement. It also said NHTSA left some similar vehicles out of its investigation.

But NHTSA said the older Jeeps performed poorly when compared with all but one similar vehicle from the 1993 to 2007 model years, “particularly in terms of fatalities, fires without fatalities, and fuel leaks in rear-end impacts and crashes.” NHTSA found at least 32 rear-impact crashes and fires in Grand Cherokees that caused 44 deaths.

# Nation

## Senators blast military response to sex assaults

WASHINGTON (AP)—U.S. senators dressed down senior military leaders Tuesday, led by female lawmakers, combat veterans and former prosecutors who insisted that sexual assault in the ranks has cost the services the trust and respect of the American people as well as the nation’s men and women in uniform.

Summoned to Capitol Hill, Army Gen. Martin Dempsey, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the beribboned four-star chiefs of the service branches conceded in an extraordinary hearing that they had faltered in dealing with sexual assault. One said assaults were “like a cancer” in the military.

But they strongly opposed congressional efforts to strip commanders of their traditional authority to decide whether to level charges in their units.

Members of the Senate Armed Services Committee, especially the panel’s seven female senators, grilled the chiefs about whether the military’s mostly male leadership understands differences between relatively minor sexual offenses and serious crimes that deserve



AP  
Senate Armed Services Committee member Sen. Claire McCaskill, D-Mo., speaks on Capitol Hill in Washington, Tuesday, June 4, 2013, during the committee’s hearing on pending legislation regarding sexual assaults in the military.

swift and decisive justice.

“Not every single commander necessarily wants women in the force. Not every single commander believes what a sexual assault is. Not every single commander can distinguish between a slap on the ass and a rape because they merge all of

these crimes together,” said Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y.

Frustration among the senators seemed to boil over as they discussed recent high-profile cases and statistics on sexual assault that underscored the challenges the Defense Department and Congress face.

## Deadly Okla. tornado widest on record, rare EF5

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)—The deadly tornado that plowed through an area near Oklahoma City last week was even larger and more powerful than previously estimated—a record 2.6 miles wide with winds that reached nearly 300 mph, just shy of the strongest winds ever measured.

The National Weather Service on Tuesday announced that the twister that hit El Reno was a top-of-the-scale EF5 twister—the second to strike the area in less than two weeks.

Friday’s tornado was initially rated as an EF3. But the agency upgraded that ranking after surveying damage and concluding that the storm had

winds of 295 mph. Nineteen people died in the storm and subsequent flooding, including three storm chasers.

The Oklahoma City area also saw an EF5 tornado on May 20. That one raked Moore, a suburb 25 miles southeast of El Reno, and killed 24 people. Moore was hit in 1999 by another EF5, which had the strongest winds ever measured on earth: 302 mph.

The massive tornado that formed Friday avoided highly populated metro areas, a fact that almost certainly saved lives.

Winds were at their most powerful in areas devoid of structures, said Rick Smith, chief warning coordination meteorologist for the weather

service’s office in Norman.

“Any house would have been completely swept clean on the foundation,” Smith said.

The twister marched through the countryside between El Reno and Union City, a region of largely rural farm and grazing land. Most of the destruction came toward the end of the tornado’s 16.2-mile path along Interstate 40, where several motorists were killed when their vehicles were tossed around.

Like many Midwestern cities, the Oklahoma City metropolitan area continues to expand in the suburbs, but the rapid growth hasn’t quite reached as far west as where Friday’s tornado tracked.

## Rising Mississippi River is threatening towns

ST. LOUIS (AP)—Mississippi River communities scrambling Tuesday to fend off the rain-engorged waterway got discouraging news: More rains looming across much of the nation’s midsection threatened to slow the potential retreat of the renegade river.

Such an outlook may not be welcomed in the northeast Missouri town of West Alton, where a makeshift levee’s breach Monday fanned worries that the 570-resident town—which was mostly swept away by a flood in 1993—would be inundated again. A voluntary evacuation advisory before the breach was fixed was heeded by just 15 percent of the town’s residents, but “everyone else is ready to go at a moment’s notice” if the hastily

shored-up barrier shows signs of giving way, Fire Chief Rick Pender said Tuesday.

For now, he said, “everything is stable,” with much of the flooding corralled in a railroad bed acting as a town-protecting channel.

“There are some spots not looking pretty (as defenses), but they’re still holding the water back,” Pender told The Associated Press by telephone. “Everyone is just monitoring the sandbags and barriers, waiting for this water to come down.”

The latest National Weather Service forecasts suggest that was to happen later Tuesday. But more rains expected in coming days, from St. Louis north to Minnesota and westward across some of the Great

Plains, stood to drop another inch of precipitation here and there, adding more water to the Missouri River and the Mississippi River into which it feeds, National Weather Service hydrologist Mark Fuchs said.

“We’re not talking about huge amounts, but any amount when the soil already is wet is going to slow the rivers’ retreat,” Fuchs said from his St. Louis-area office. “If you take that into account, there’s not going to be a big drop in the river levels any time soon.”

Across the river in Illinois, in the 28,000-resident city of Alton north of St. Louis, floodwaters already forced the closure of the local casino and the scenic “Great River Road” leading out of it to the north.

### BUSINESS BRIEFS

#### Food rationing to begin in big Venezuelan state

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)—In a sign Venezuela’s food shortages could be worsening, restrictions on the sale of 20 basic items subject to price controls, including toilet paper and chicken, are set to begin next week in its most populous state, officials said Tuesday. A spokesman for President Nicolas Maduro’s government said it is incorrect to call the plan rationing because it is meant to fight smuggling of price-controlled food across the border into Colombia. He said there are no plans to extend the program nationally. Details of how the system in Zulia state will work are still being worked out, said Blagdimir Labrador, the state governor’s chief of staff.

#### ITC rules for Samsung, bans iPhone 4 imports

NEW YORK (AP)—A U.S. trade agency on Tuesday issued a ban on imports of Apple’s iPhone 4 and a variant of the iPad 2 after finding the devices violate a patent held by South Korean rival Samsung Electronics. Because the devices are assembled in China, the import ban would end Apple’s ability to sell them in the U.S. However, President Barack Obama has 60 days to invalidate Tuesday’s order from the U.S. International Trade Commission in Washington. Obama is against import bans on the basis of the type of patent at issue in the Samsung case. On Tuesday, the White House issued a recommendation to Congress that it limit the ITC’s ability to impose import bans in these cases.





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# Asia

## Locked doors a sign of China work-safety failings

**BEIJING (AP)**—A fire breaks out in a Chinese factory, and panicked workers discover one exit after another is locked. That describes not only the poultry plant fire that killed 119 people this week, but a toy-factory blaze that left 87 workers dead 20 years earlier.

The similarities between the two worst factory fires in China's history suggest that little has changed for industrial workers even as the country has transformed its economy.

The bolted doors, clearly a violation of Chinese law, are emblematic of the often callous approach to worker safety in China that leads to frequent industrial disasters and an annual death toll in the tens of thousands.

While the country's increasingly sophisticated economy has surged into second place globally behind the United States, industrial safety conditions often more closely resemble those in struggling

impoverished nations such as Bangladesh, where more than 1,100 people died in an April garment industry disaster.

"Throughout China's modern economic development, there has really been very little consideration for the rights and interests of the workers," said Li Qiang, executive director of New York-based China Labor Watch, which closely tracks working conditions in China.

Inspectors on Tuesday were combing through the charred wreckage of the Jilin Baoyuanfeng Poultry Co.'s processing plant, where fire raced through a chicken processing room in just three minutes on Monday morning.

It was one of China's worst recent industrial disasters. The death toll is the highest since a September 2008 mining cave-in that claimed 281 lives, and closely followed two other industrial blazes in the past five days that killed two workers.

Workers quoted in state media said exits were locked to secure the property and to keep them from stepping outside for breaks, despite the requirement in Article 24 of China's emergency response law requiring that safety exits be kept open and clearly marked. China's labor law also mandates safe working conditions.

Only a single door was open to permit escape. Workers trampled each other in the dark trying to survive.

The conditions closely resembled those at the Zhili toy factory in the southern city of Shenzhen where 87 young workers were killed in 1993. Exits at the toy factory also were locked, allegedly to prevent theft.

The Zhili factory's owners allegedly bribed inspectors to overlook safety violations, including putting the workers' dormitory, factory and warehouse all in the same building. The owners served brief prison sentences.

## Philippines probes Cebu Pacific for rough landing

**MANILA, Philippines (AP)**—Philippine aviation authorities said Tuesday they are investigating Cebu Pacific pilots and crew who left passengers waiting some 15 minutes before deploying emergency slides on a plane that overshot the runway and landed on its nose.

None of the 165 passengers was injured, but several complained about the slow response. The rough landing in stormy weather Sunday evening forced the three-day closure of the Davao International Airport in the southern Philippines while the Airbus A320-200 remained stuck on the runway. The aircraft was lifted off the grass and was being towed away Tuesday.

Civil Aviation Authority Deputy Director General John Andrews said pilot error probably caused the accident. He said the aircraft could not be repaired.

"Everyone panicked. Women and children were screaming," Percival Jacones told

the Philippine Daily Inquirer newspaper. He said the cabin crew appeared stunned and it took 15 minutes before the captain came out of the cockpit to address the passengers.

Davao Mayor Sara Duterte said airport management was late in alerting city emergency services about the landing and denied quick access to the passengers. She said an airport security guard phoned Emergency 911 to report the accident. The aviation authority said all angles will be investigated.

Andrews told reporters that the pilots and cabin crew have been grounded pending the investigation. He said the pilots violated the standard operating procedure by not ordering an immediate evacuation of the aircraft.

Cebu Pacific President Lance Gokongwei apologized but also defended the crew's action.

"In this situation we may not have handled all issues perfect-

ly, but we can learn from this experience," Gokongwei told ABS-CBN TV.

The plane had departed from the capital, Manila. Cebu Pacific is the Philippines' largest low-cost carrier. It operates 33 Airbus planes and eight ATRs, and also flies on regional routes.

A similar accident occurred in 2011 when a Cebu Pacific plane overshot the runway in Puerto Princesa in western Palawan province. There were no casualties.

The Ateneo de Davao University, which had members aboard Sunday's flight, published an open letter saying it will boycott the airline to protest "the insensitivity and ineptness" of the crew.

"Your personnel lack training for an emergency situation. They froze. They did not know what to do. They must be able to put the welfare of the passengers before their own," said university President Joel Tabora.

gered worries about confrontations with others including the Philippines, Vietnam, Malaysia and Brunei. "We will oppose the change of status quo by force by anyone," Locklear told reporters during a visit to Malaysia. "We need to retain the status quo until we get to a code of conduct or a solution by party nations that is peacefully accepted."

### UK military chief discusses Myanmar training link

**YANGON, Myanmar (AP)**—Britain's most senior serving military officer discussed possible training cooperation with Myanmar's armed forces dur-

ing a visit that ended Tuesday, the first by the head of a Western nation's armed forces since the Southeast Asian country began recent reforms. Chief of Defense Staff Gen. Sir David Richards also confirmed that Britain will appoint a permanent defense attache at its mission later this year, the British embassy said. Britain and other Western nations imposed sanctions on Myanmar's previous military junta and avoided military-to-military contacts. Most sanctions were dropped after President Thein Sein took office in 2011 and instituted sweeping economic and political reforms.

# World

## France, Britain confirm use of sarin gas in Syria



AP

In this Tuesday March 19, 2013 file photo released by the Syrian official news agency SANA, a Syrian victim who suffered an alleged chemical attack at Khan al-Assal village according to SANA, receives treatment by doctors, at a hospital in Aleppo, Syria.

**PARIS (AP)**—France said Tuesday it has confirmed that the nerve gas sarin was used "multiple times and in a localized way" in Syria, including at least once by the regime. It was the most specific claim by any Western power about chemical weapons attacks in the 27-month-old conflict. Britain later said that tests it conducted on samples taken from Syria also were positive for sarin.

The back-to-back announcements left many questions unanswered, highlighting the difficulties of confirming from a distance whether combatants in Syria have crossed the "red line" set by President Barack Obama. The regime of Syrian President Bashar Assad has refused to allow U.N. investigators into the country.

The French and British findings, based on samples taken from Syria, came hours after a

U.N. team said it had "reasonable grounds" to suspect small-scale use of toxic chemicals in at least four attacks in March and April.

The U.N. probe was conducted from outside Syria's borders, based on interviews with doctors and witnesses of purported attacks and a review of amateur videos from Syria. The team said solid evidence will remain elusive until inspectors can collect samples from victims directly or from the sites of alleged attacks.

Some experts cautioned that the type of evidence currently available to investigators—videos, witness reports and physiological samples of uncertain origin—leaves wide doubts.

At the same time, forensic evidence of alleged chemical weapons use is fading away with time, and the longer U.N.

inspectors are kept out of Syria, the harder it will be to collect conclusive proof, they said.

Syria is suspected of having one of the world's largest chemical weapons arsenals, including mustard and nerve gas, such as sarin. In recent weeks, the regime and those trying to topple Assad have increasingly used accusations of chemical weapons as a propaganda tool, but have offered no solid proof.

In the West, meanwhile, the lack of certainty about such allegations is linked to a high stakes political debate over whether the U.S. should get more involved in the Syria conflict, including by arming those fighting Assad.

Obama has been reluctant to send weapons to the Syrian rebels, in part because of the presence of Islamic militants among them.

## Turkish govt offers apology as protests continue

**ANKARA, Turkey (AP)**—Turkey's deputy prime minister offered an apology Tuesday for the government's violent crackdown on an environmental protest, a calculated bid to ease days of anti-government rallies in the country's major cities.

The message was a bit mixed, however, as hundreds of riot police deployed with water cannons around the prime minister's office in Ankara, the capital.

Bulent Arinc, who is standing in for the prime minister while he is out of the country, said the crackdown was "wrong and unjust."

"In that first (protest) action, the excessive violence exerted on people who were acting out of environmental concerns was wrong and unjust," Arinc said. "I apologize to those citizens."

Yet the impact of his statement was unclear. Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan, who is visiting Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia, has undermined previous statements by his ministers and has dismissed the protesters as a fringe minority stirred up by the opposition.

Tens of thousands of mostly secular-minded Turks have joined anti-government rallies since Friday, when police launched a pre-dawn raid against a peaceful sit-in protesting plans to uproot trees in Istanbul's main Taksim Square. Since then, the demonstrations have spiraled into Turkey's biggest anti-government disturbances in years.

Late Tuesday night, thousands of people were demonstrating in the square. Many of the streets leading into it have

been blocked by barricades that protesters have built of overturned dumpsters, metal railings and damaged vehicles to keep police away.

At one point, near the German Consulate, police fired tear gas at several hundred protesters who were throwing bricks at the officers.

A 22-year-old man died during an anti-government protest in a city near Turkey's border with Syria, and officials gave conflicting reports on what caused his death.

Police have been accused of using disproportionate force in trying to break up demonstrations. In a boisterous debate in Parliament, Interior Minister Muammer Guler defended police officers' use of tear gas against demonstrators trying to reach government buildings.

### ASIAN BRIEFS

#### US admiral urges compromise in Asian sea dispute

**KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP)**—The U.S. will oppose moves by any country to seize control of disputed areas in the South China Sea by force, the top American military commander in the Pacific said Wednesday, adding that rival claimants might need to seek compromises to resolve the feud over potentially oil-rich territories. Adm. Samuel Locklear, commander of U.S. Pacific Command, did not mention any country by name, but China's increasingly aggressive claims to disputed islands have trig-



# Focus



Photo composite of images taken from flyers made by relatives showing ten of the eleven young people that were kidnapped in broad daylight from an after hours bar in Mexico City last Sunday May 26, 2013. AP

**MEXICO CITY (AP)**—The number of unsolved disappearances in Mexico constitutes a national scandal and a human rights crisis, Amnesty International said Tuesday, citing what it called a systematic failure by police and prosecutors to investigate thousands of cases that have piled up since 2006.

Rupert Knox, Amnesty's Mexico investigator, said relatives are often forced to search for missing loved ones themselves, sometimes at considerable risk.

Adding insult to injury, Knox said police and prosecutors often don't even bother to use the information that relatives dig up. Instead, police routinely assume that the missing are caught up in Mexico's drug cartel conflicts.

"They are stigmatized, they are treated with disdain, and the typical thing is to say the victims were members of criminal gangs," Knox said. "That is a demonstration of the negligence that has allowed this problem to grow into a national scandal and a human rights crisis."

The federal government says some 26,000 people have been reported missing since the government launched an offensive against drug cartels in late 2006, though officials have said the true number is probably lower, because some people reported missing have since been found or accounted for but never taken off the list.

Brenda Rangel is the sister of Hector Rangel, who disappeared along with two friends in 2009 after being stopped by police for a traffic violation and was never seen again. She is sure her brother wasn't involved in criminal activity. A young businessman, he had gone to the northern state of Coahuila, which is a hotbed of the Zetas drug gang, to collect a payment from a client.

Rangel says her brother last called to say he was in police custody, and she

said the family has given authorities the number of the squad car, and even the names of the policemen involved in the detention. But she said prosecutors told her the officers were fired from the local police force in Monclova, Coahuila, and couldn't be located. In Mexico, it is not uncommon for local policemen to work for drug gangs.

Nearing the fourth year in her brother's disappearance, that kind of shrugging response is driving Rangel and her family to desperation, and into danger, since they can't let it rest.

"We have received death threats," she said, adding: "I have run risks, I have gone into safe houses, I have had to disguise myself in different ways to look for my brother."

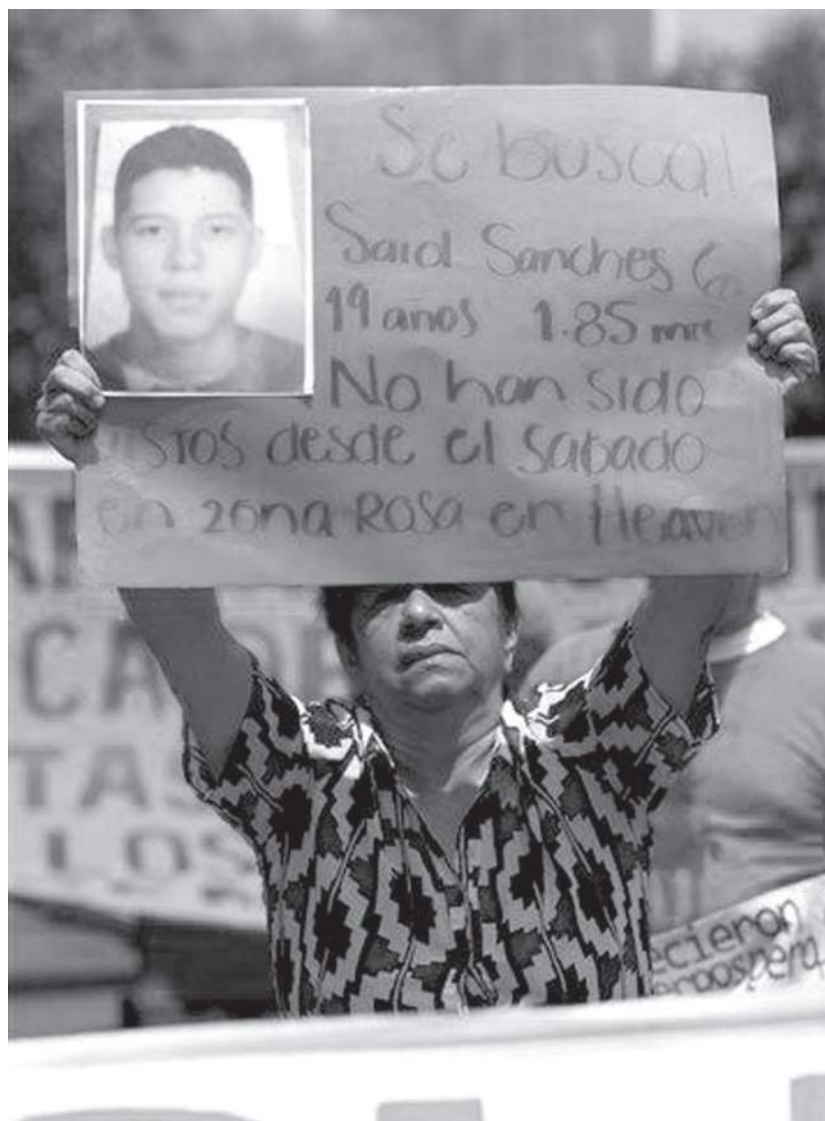
One by one, other parents and siblings of missing Mexicans stood up and recounted their horror stories: cases in which authorities themselves, police or the military, appear to have been involved in the disappearances.

Mexico's government announced last week that it is creating a special unit to search for missing people. But the unit has only 12 federal investigators and a group of federal police agents to cover all the cases.

Knox said such agencies have been tried before in Mexico but have accomplished little, in part because they have lacked the resources, manpower and authority to really perform their task.

"The authorities have always seen them (the special units) as a way to

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reduce public pressure and blow off steam," Knox said.

While Rangel and the other victims' families maintain faith that their loved ones are still alive, perhaps subjected to forced labor by the drug cartels, Mexico's National Human Rights Commission has received information on 15,921 unidentified bodies that have passed through morgues in Mexico, some of which could belong to the missing.

A recent case in Mexico City has highlighted the difficulties surrounded cases of suspected disappearances.

On May 26, 11 young people disappeared from a Mexico City after-hours bar just off the city's main Reforma boulevard, a block and a half from the U.S. Embassy.

The young people were from the rough-and-tumble Tepito neighborhood and their disappearance only came to light after their parents and other Tepito residents held a protest that blocked a major road. Media reports later said that the fathers of two of the missing young men were suspected former Tepito crime bosses currently doing time in prison.

A witness who apparently escaped from the abduction said the young people were taken away by gunmen in masks after partying through the night at the bar. But Mexico City's prosecutor's office has said that surveillance video reviewed so far by police hasn't shown a mass abduction.

Now the witness can no longer be found, nor can the bar's owner or any of the staff who were working that night.

The families have put up missing-person posters with photos of their loved ones throughout the area, and say that almost 10 days later they still have not come home.

A woman holds up a sign with details of her recently disappeared relative during a protest in Mexico City, Thursday, May 30, 2013. AP



# Environment

## Here's how to avoid, deal with things that bite or sting

By KEVIN SPEAR  
ORLANDO SENTINEL

**W**ith a summer-time full of travel, cookouts, beach parties, camp-outs and other outdoor activities on the horizon, it's important to remember that there are critters lurking (indoors as well as out) that bite and sting.

Here, from the animal kingdom, are some of the chief vacation buzz kills and how to deal with them:

### AFRICANIZED BEES

Africanized honeybees, when on the attack, aim for dark colors and carbon dioxide—your mouth, for instance.

Africanized bees, also known as “killer bees,” also get madder quicker when their nests are threatened.

“Multiple individuals are going to come and get you,” said Jamie Ellis, a University of Florida professor of entomology.

It takes five to 10 stings per pound of human to kill a nonallergic person. Authorities say they are worried about Africanized bees because nonfatal attacks have occurred in the state and deaths have been documented in other states.

Ellis said it's best to run. Don't jump into water, where the bees will wait for your carbon-dioxide-blow-



A live bedbug crawls across a dime.

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ing mouth to emerge. Get into a car or building, even if you bring dozens of the bees with you.

### BEDBUGS

Because they love foot odors, bedbugs will attach their eggs to socks and shoes.

Just when you forgot about the bedbug scare of a few years ago: “Bedbugs are intensifying, particularly in the South,” said Philip Koehler, another University of Florida entomology professor.

They aren't known for diseases but can hitchhike on an unwary traveler and infest a home. Koehler suggests sealing your luggage in plastic bags when staying in a hotel.

“I don't necessarily do it myself, because I'll go into a room, put my luggage down away from furniture and then inspect for bedbugs,” said Koehler, who thinks most other people can't spot the bugs even if told where to look.

When you get home, dry your clothes on high heat for at least 20 minutes.

### MOSQUITOES

Mosquito numbers and the diseases they spread surge and wane with weather and other unpredictable factors, said Roxanne Connelly, a University of Florida medical entomologist. So wearing long sleeves and using repellents are always good, she said.

Among the notorious species, *Culex nigripalpus* lives in urban and rural areas and can carry St. Louis encephalitis and West Nile virus.

“People ask every year, ‘What is this season going to be like?’” Connelly said. “It really depends on where you get the rains.”

### TICKS

Never remove a tick by pulling its body. That could squeeze its insides—including its germs—through the bug's needlelike mouth into your skin. But remove it as soon as you can to reduce the chance of getting a disease.

“Don't sleep with it on you,” said Katherine Sayler, a doctoral student in the University of Florida's college of veterinary medicine.

Sayler and her professor-adviser, Rick Alleman, said a warm winter means a lot of ticks during peak season from now through July.

In rare cases, ticks introduce diseases that can cause severe illness.

“You don't want one,” Alleman said. Lyme disease is among the worst.

Alleman uses tweezers to remove ticks, while Sayler does it with her fingernails, grasping the bug by its head.

### JELLYFISH

Sea nettles in the surf along Central Florida's Atlantic beaches are milky white, a few inches across and hard as heck to see. That's the area's most com-

mon jellyfish.

Its sting isn't as bad as that of the Portuguese man-o-war, which resembles a jellyfish.

Peter Anderson, a professor at the University of Florida's Whitney Laboratory for Marine Bioscience, suggests avoiding even dead jellyfish; they and a dried-up man-o-war can still sting.

If stung, dry your skin to stop undischarged stinger cells from injecting more venom. Lifeguards often have pain-relieving sprays. You can't really stop the pain, but you can keep it from getting worse, Anderson said.

### SHARKS

Sharks nearly always “bite” by accident rather than “attack” on purpose, said George Burgess, director of shark research at the Florida Museum of Natural History.

Not that bites don't hurt. A former *Sentinel* editor's Achilles tendon was sliced by one in the surf off Volusia County, Fla., the most bite-prone county in the most bite-prone U.S. state. But odds of a bite are on par with a lottery win, Burgess said.

The vast majority of shark bites are the result of a goof: a foot mistaken for a fish. To better your already excellent odds of avoiding that sort of mistaken identity, don't wear jewelry or swim in groups, Burgess said, but do mind the lifeguards and keep out of the water from dusk to dawn.



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MOTHER: PRIMITIVA DELEON GUERRERO TORRES

DAUGHTER: COLLEEN JOYCE CAMACHO CABRERA

#### SIBLINGS:

VINCENT DELEON GUERRERO TORRES JR & ROWINA  
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(Victoria, Maxine, Venetian, & Victorino, Jr.)

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(Steven, Tiana, Jacqlene, & Joaquin II)

RALPH DELEON GUERRERO TORRES & DIANN  
(Ralph, Jr., Vaniqa, Deon, & Tristan)

JUDY MARIE DELEON GUERRERO TORRES & LUCIO  
(Lucio)

He is survived by numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, and Godchildren.

In his New Life he now joins his:

Father: †Vicente Villagomez Torres

Sister: †Juanet Deleon Guerrero Torres

Mass of Christian Burial: June 13, 2013 at 10:30 a.m.

Location: Mount Carmel Cathedral, Chalan Kanoa

Internment Services: Mount Carmel Cathedral Cemetery

\*\* Also celebrating the First Year Death Anniversary of Vicente Villagomez Torres on the same date and time above \*\*

Thank you, Si Yu'us Ma'ase, Olomwaay, and Salamat Po for your Prayers, Thoughts, and Support during our time of Bereavement.

May God Bless Us All.

*Primitiva Deleon Guerrero Torres & Family*





# Life & Style

## Diane Paulus, the green thumb of Broadway



AP

This undated publicity image released by Boneau/Bryan-Brown shows Diane Paulus, director of the musical "Pippin," nominated for ten Tony Awards.

**NEW YORK (AP)**—If Broadway musicals were gardens, their directors would be the gardeners. And right now, Diane Paulus is the gardener with one of the greenest thumbs in the business.

Specifically, Paulus, director of the crackling, high-energy revival of "Pippin," has a knack for reviving musicals, getting them to the Great White Way and then, whoosh—to the awards podium.

Her last two revivals, "Hair" and "The Gershwins' Porgy and Bess," both won Tonys for best musical revival. And "Pippin" could well do the same this year, not to mention Paulus herself as best director. The show has a total of 10 nominations, including for cast members Patina Miller, Andrea Martin and Terrence Mann.

What's her secret? Colleagues note how Paulus, who is artistic director of the American Repertory Theater at Harvard (where both "Porgy" and "Pippin" began), finds a way to honor both the old and the new, staying faithful to the original while finding a new twist that makes it feel utterly fresh.

They also say she has a strong collaborative sense that allows ideas to flourish, not to mention a Herculean work ethic and a constantly open mind.

"There's no ego with Diane," says Audra McDonald, the Tony-winning star of "Porgy and Bess." "And there's no let-me-put-my-mark-on-something. With Diane, it's always, 'Let's see' or 'Let's try this.'" McDonald adds that Paulus "will take a good idea from anybody. If you're the janitor walking by and say, 'Put them on trapezes,' she will go, 'You think?'"

It may not have been the janitor who suggested trapezes in the case of "Pippin," but it's

certainly trapezes—and hoops and teeterboards and incredible stunts executed by sculpted bodies—that give the show its new panache. Teaming up with the Montreal-based acrobatic troupe Les 7 Doigts de la Main (7 Fingers) was just one of several key decisions Paulus made on the way to achieving her vision of the Stephen Schwartz '70s hit, which she loved in her youth.

"When I saw them, I just had a gut reaction that this kind of movement had never been on Broadway before," Paulus says of the troupe, led by Gypsy Snider. "I thought, 'I want THAT.'" But how? Eventually the idea emerged that the entire show would be based on a circus troupe, and Snider's acrobats would be fully integrated into every part of it. Paulus had a similar gut reaction when auditioning actors for the Leading Player, an emcee-type role that won the charismatic Ben Vereen a best-actor Tony in 1973. This year, the Leading Player won't be winning best actor—because he's a she, Patina Miller, in a sexy, knockout performance. Score two home runs for Paulus.

"We saw so many people—men, women, great host types," says Paulus. "They obviously had to sing and act. But what about dancing? That was crucial." Once she had whittled the list down to eight or so finalists, she says, they were tasked with learning the famous "Manson Trio" number, a piece of iconic Bob Fosse choreography that came to define the original show.

"I didn't know Patina could do that—SHE didn't know," says Paulus, who'd worked with Miller in "Hair" before it came to Broadway. "But when I saw her do it, I thought, 'This is what I want!' And then we found out she could sing and hula-hoop. AND do the trapeze."

Snider remembers endless casting sessions. "She'd bring in more and more and more people, and I would ask: 'Is this normal?'" Snider says. "But that's Diane. She just keeps going. You get another coffee, and you keep at it. We worked incredible hours."

It's generally agreed that an especially inspired casting decision was Andrea Martin, the veteran comic actress, in the role of Berthe, Pippin's grandmother. Martin, like Miller, learned she was capable of more than she thought. Not to give too

much away, but the 66-year-old actress stops the show nightly, with stunts that would frighten a 21-year-old.

"At the first preview," Paulus recalls, "there was a full standing ovation after her song. I ran into her backstage, and she said, 'What do we do now?'"

Another key decision, Paulus says, was to retain the original Fosse choreography—something not all "Pippin" productions have done. For that, she turned to Chet Walker, a choreographer who also performed in the original show.

"We just clicked," says Walker, nominated for the best-choreography Tony. "She was open to all possibilities. Diane is an amazing storyteller."

Paulus, 46, grew up in New York City, where she lived just blocks from Lincoln Center. She studied piano and danced ballet. "I almost became a musician," she says. "But I think I realized that I think best as part of a group, in a collaboration."

Paulus went to Harvard and then to Columbia for graduate school, and trained as an actress. But directing appealed to her

entrepreneurial side. "I was interested in all these bigger ideas of theater," she says.

One of her earliest successes was a collaboration with her husband, Randy Weiner, called "The Donkey Show," a disco version of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" that ran off-Broadway for six years, and various places around the world.

In 2008, Paulus took up her role at A.R.T., where she's made a name for herself partly because of the uncanny frequency with which her productions end up on Broadway.

### *In Loving Memory of*

## **GABRIEL PEDRO DELA CRUZ SANTOS**

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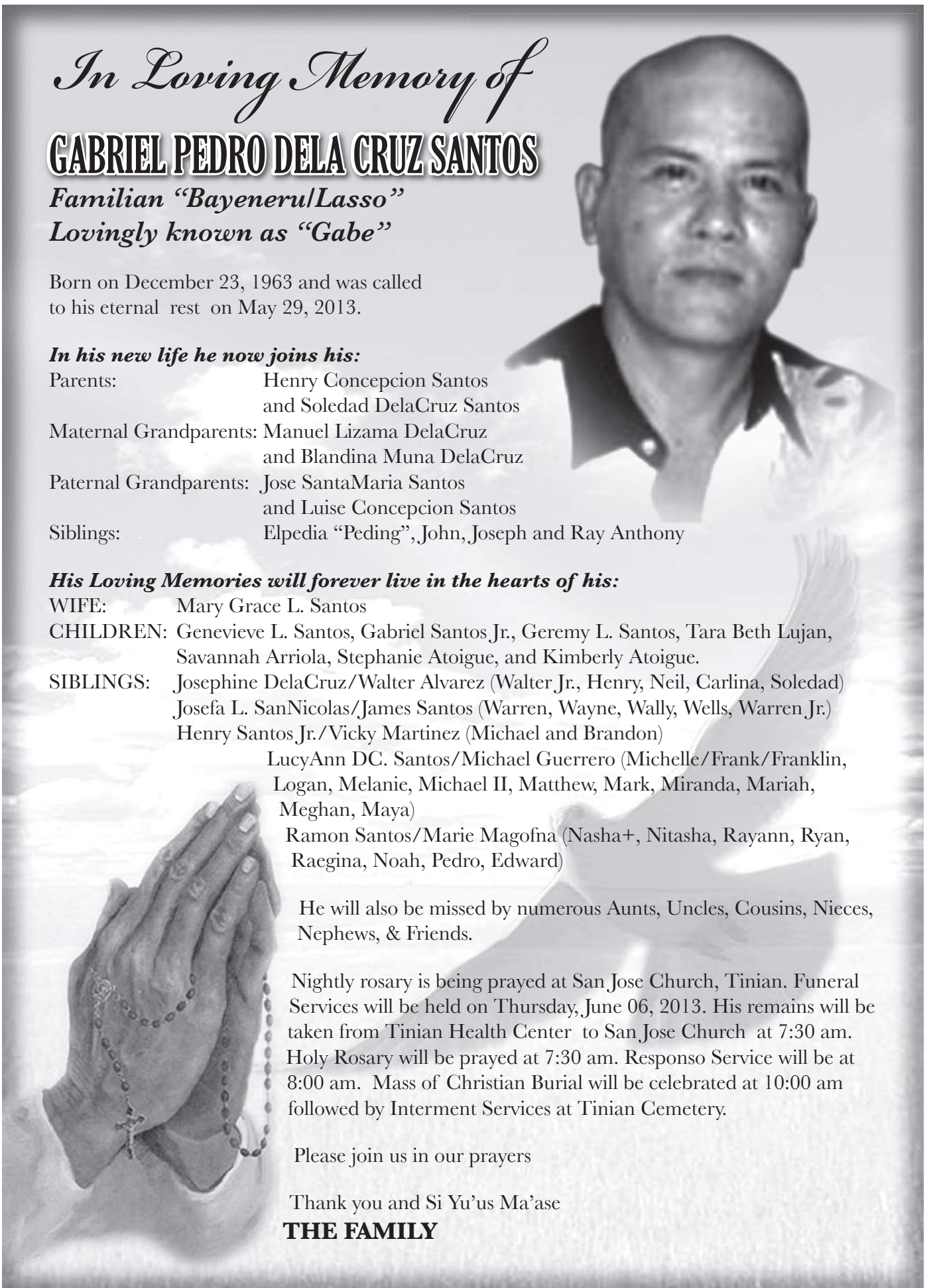
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He will also be missed by numerous Aunts, Uncles, Cousins, Nieces, Nephews, & Friends.

Nightly rosary is being prayed at San Jose Church, Tinian. Funeral Services will be held on Thursday, June 06, 2013. His remains will be taken from Tinian Health Center to San Jose Church at 7:30 am. Holy Rosary will be prayed at 7:30 am. Responso Service will be at 8:00 am. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 am followed by Interment Services at Tinian Cemetery.

Please join us in our prayers

Thank you and Si Yu'us Ma'ase  
**THE FAMILY**





# Underwood to lend voice to tornado relief on CMTs



This April 7, 2013 file photo shows Carrie Underwood performing at the 48th Annual Academy of Country Music Awards at the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas. Underwood will pay tribute to the victims of the recent deadly tornadoes in Oklahoma in her appearance on the CMT Music Awards on Wednesday, June 5.

**NASHVILLE, Tenn.** (AP)—Carrie Underwood will pay tribute to the victims of the recent deadly tornadoes in Oklahoma when she appears at the CMT Music Awards.

Underwood will perform her new single “See You Again,” recasting it as a somber memorial with the aid of two dozen choir members from Nashville’s Christ Church.

“The choir, I’ve never done that before and they just kind of take it to a whole ethereal place,” Underwood said Monday night following rehearsal.

Viewers will be directed how to donate to the Red Cross during the performance at Wednes-

day’s awards show, airing live at 8 p.m. EDT from Bridgestone Arena in Nashville.

Tornadoes have killed dozens in Oklahoma in the last two weeks, leading to an outpouring of support from country music stars. Blake Shelton hosted a televised telethon and Toby Keith, Ronnie Dunn and others are planning a benefit concert for later this summer. Under-

wood recently gave a \$1 million check to the Red Cross from concert proceeds as well.

Underwood grew up in tiny Checotah, about 115 miles east of Oklahoma City, and is familiar with the terror of tornado season.

“The people in Oklahoma are really great,” the former “American Idol” winner said. “Tornado season is something

## AEG Live CEO: Jackson lawsuit is extortion attempt

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—The head of AEG Live told a jury on Monday that he believes a lawsuit filed by Michael Jackson’s mother against the concert promotion company was a baseless extortion attempt.

CEO Randy Phillips also said the company bears no responsibility for Jackson’s 2009 death, as his mother contends.

Katherine Jackson is suing AEG Live LLC, claiming it failed to properly investigate the doctor who was later convicted of her son’s death. AEG denies wrongdoing.

Phillips said he agreed with statements attributed to him and defense attorney Marvin S. Putnam that the case was a shake-down.

“Yes or no, answer? Yes,” Phillips said in response to a question by Katherine Jackson’s attorney Brian Panish.

Phillips is the highest-ranking AEG executive to testify in the case, now in its sixth week.

He will likely be asked about numerous emails he sent and received about Jackson’s health in the final weeks of the superstar’s life, as well as any interactions he had with former cardiologist Conrad Murray.

Murray agreed to serve as Jackson’s doctor for \$150,000

that we’re all used to but you can never fully prepare for it. It takes what it wants and it knocks down what it wants and there’s nothing you can do about it except just try to be prepared. They’re just wonderful people and they’re going to rebuild and they’re going to bounce back stronger than ever.”

The performance is just one

of several events going on in Underwood’s life as summer approaches. She got a sneak peak Monday at her Country Music Hall of Fame “Blown Away Tour” exhibit that opens this week. She celebrates five years with the Grand Ole Opry on Friday. And she’ll close out the CMA Festival’s nightly concerts with Sunday night’s head-

lining slot.

It’s been quite the run, starting with a little ruckus she raised with The Rolling Stones. The performance came May 25 on the eight-year anniversary of her “Idol” win, something she realized shortly before taking the stage in Toronto.

“It was kind of crazy timing,” Underwood said.

## Bad behavior on reality TV is tested path to fame

**PHOENIX** (AP)—Arizona restaurateur Amy Bouzaglo became an instant Internet celebrity last month after demonstrating an impressively short temper on a reality TV show that helps reform struggling businesses.

The episode of “Kitchen Nightmares” drew more than a million viewers on YouTube, and Bouzaglo’s vitriolic rants became popular fodder on Twitter and Facebook.

So it should surprise no one that her next step was to announce she was shopping around her own reality TV show.

These days, head butting, table flipping, belly slapping, hair pulling, smack talking and other behavior generally considered impolite have become a tested strategy for reality TV fame, as seen in the proliferation of such shows as “Here Comes Honey Boo Boo,” “Basketball Wives” and the “Real Housewives” franchise.

Some reality “stars” have become brands of their own after churning out self-help books, hair products, cocktail lines and flavored water. And the next generation of more shocking, immoral and declassée reality celebrities always seems just one face-slap away.

“That’s the easiest kind of reality show to make and to sell,” said Jason Carbone, a veteran reality TV producer behind shows such as “Road Rules,” “The Bachelor” and “Run’s House.”

“It’s something where there are loud characters doing stupid, obnoxious things and you

are either laughing with them or at them,” he said.

Richard Hatch became America’s favorite villain when he won the first season of the CBS reality series “Survivor” in 2000 by forming alliances and otherwise acting strategically. His behavior likely would be considered tame compared to the current crop of bad boys and girls, said Max Dawson, a reality TV show consultant in Los Angeles.

“He didn’t pull weaves out and attack the other contestants on social media while the show was airing,” Dawson said.

While cast members once had an entire season to build a character arc, social media now incentivizes villains to immediately act outrageous.

“Any moment is not only going to be discussed ad nauseam on Twitter, it’s going to be uploaded on YouTube, it will be turned into an image meme, it will instantly, in most cases, go viral,” Dawson said.

Modern television has become so predictably vulgar that a PBS station in New York recently launched a series of subway ads lampooning reality shows. The posters promote fake shows including “Bad Bad Bag Boys” and “Knitting Wars,” alongside the slogan: “The fact you thought this was a real show says a lot about the state of TV.”

Bouzaglo, who has repeatedly ignored requests for comment, was expected to discuss her proposed reality show on the television newsmagazine

“Inside Edition” late Tuesday. She and her husband, Samy Bouzaglo, said they went on the show to disprove bad online reviews of their business, Amy’s Baking Co., in Scottsdale, Ariz. But their story went viral after host and celebrity chef Gordon Ramsay ended up walking away when they grew incensed over his constructive criticism.

It’s not hard to imagine the foul-mouthed, defensive couple launching a TV series and creating a line of, say, Amy’s Angry Kitchen products if only because so many others have already blazed that path.

On Bravo’s “The Real Housewives of New Jersey,” Teresa Giudice launched a line of cookbooks and hair products after flipping over a table at a dinner party. Beauty pageant participant Alana “Honey Boo Boo” Thompson became a household name after the TLC network created a show capitalizing on her family’s redneck stereotypes.

On MTV, the nastiest “Real World” contestants are often the ones invited back each year for an athletic competition show that can sometimes feel like the cast is reliving their cruelest high school memories.

“People who yell and scream sell because they attract the eyeballs and the eyeballs attract the advertisers,” said June Deery, a communications professor at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in New York and the author of “Consuming Reality: The Commercialization of Factual Entertainment.”



In this Monday, June 3, 2013 photo, two people approach the front of Amy’s Baking Company in Scottsdale, Ariz.

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# Kate Winslet expecting a baby with new husband



AP  
In this Dec. 9, 2012 file photo, British actress Kate Winslet, left, arrives with Ned Rocknroll at the awards presentation of The Longines Hong Kong Cup horse race at the Shatin race track in Hong Kong.

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—Kate Winslet is going to be a mom again.

A representative for the 37-year-old Oscar winner confirms

Winslet and husband Ned Rocknroll are expecting a child. People.com first reported the pregnancy Tuesday.

Winslet has two children

from her two previous marriages: 12-year-old Mia, whose father is director Jim Threapleton, and 9-year-old Joe, the son of director Sam

Mendes.

Winslet and Rocknroll were married in December. Rocknroll is the nephew of entrepreneur Richard Branson.

# Actress Jennifer Love Hewitt expecting first child

In a Friday Oct. 5, 2012 file photo, actress Jennifer Love Hewitt poses at Variety's 4th annual Power of Women event, in Beverly Hills, Calif.

AP



**NEWYORK (AP)**—Jennifer Love Hewitt and Brian Hallisay, who co-star on Lifetime's "The Client List,"

are expecting their first child.

In a statement released Tuesday by Hewitt's publicist, the

couple said: "This is a wonderful time and we are looking forward to starting our family together."

# Jack White pays Detroit Masonic Temple's tax bill



AP  
This Sept. 18, 2009 file photo shows musician Jack White taking part in a news conference in Toronto.

**DETROIT (AP)**—Musician Jack White has played spring-time Santa, paying a \$142,000 back tax bill for Detroit's historic Masonic Temple. The move prevents a threatened auction of the famed venue where The Who and the Rolling Stones once played.

Last Thursday, a then-anonymous donor paid off the famed music venue's entire 2010-2012 tax delinquency. The 14-story Masonic Temple was days away from being put up for sale.

The building is on the National Register of Historic Places. It takes up an entire block and has more than 1,000 rooms, as well as a theater that has featured top performers for decades.

## Judge enters Kardashian-Humphries divorce judgment

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—A Los Angeles judge has finalized Kim Kardashian's divorce from NBA player Kris Humphries.

Court records show the couple's divorce judgment was formally entered by Superior Court Judge Hank Goldberg on Monday.

The filing does not reveal any new details about the couple's split. They reached a settlement in their long-running divorce case in April and signed the judgment in late May.

Humphries had been seeking an annulment of the couple's marriage but agreed to a divorce before a trial on the matter. He claimed the couple's lavish, televised wedding was based on fraud, but he never detailed his allegations in court.

Kardashian, a reality show star, filed for divorce in 2011 after the couple had been married 72 days.

Humphries is a power forward for the Brooklyn Nets.

# Reader takes action to turn the world into a better place

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN  
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*Dear Abby*

**DEAR ABBY:** It is easy to watch or read the news and think people are awful and this world is going nowhere fast. At New Year's I made a resolution to try and DO something about how I view society. I decided I'd do 30 random acts of service for strangers.

I know it may seem small and insignificant, but at least I can say I'm trying to make this a better place to live. I'm hoping it will spread a message of love and caring in a world with too much hurt and violence. Ideally, one or two people will notice and pay it forward.

It's spring, and so far I have volunteered as a math tutor at a local school and shoveled the snow off a neighbor's sidewalk. But I'm already falling behind, and I'm struggling to come up with some good ideas. I know you and your readers often have creative suggestions. Can you suggest more acts of service I can do for strangers?

TRYING TO BE NICE

**DEAR TRYING TO BE NICE:** You could volunteer at a local food pantry. Or find an organization that delivers food to shut-ins and take meals to the clients they serve a couple of days a month.

You could bring a garbage bag with you when you take walks in the morning or evening and pick up paper cups, plastic bags, cigarette butts and candy wrappers that litter our streets and beaches. Or simply acknowledge the presence of others by smiling and saying, "good morning," "good afternoon" and "good evening" to people you encounter.

Readers, if you'd like to chime in, I'd be interested in your ideas.

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**DEAR ABBY:** Two years ago, when I was a senior in high school, a guy became overly attached to me. He shared many very private feelings with me about his lack of friends and severe depression. After trying to help him, first by myself and later with a school guidance counselor and even involving his parents, I decided his problems were too much for me to handle and ended the friendship. I know I hurt him, but I saw no other alternative. After high school we didn't speak for about a year.

We are now in the same college and he's trying to force himself back into my life and be friends again. Abby, he hasn't changed at all. I feel bad, but I have no interest in becoming his friend.

What should I do? I have a hard time saying no because he is so persistent and I feel guilty.

FEELING PITY IN NEW JERSEY

**DEAR FEELING PITY:** Tell him the truth. Say, "I can't be your friend because your problems overwhelm me. But YOU can do something about them by going to the student health center and asking for counseling, and by joining some clubs and activities so you can interact with new people."

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**DEAR ABBY:** Why are brownies called brownies if they are black?

JUST WONDERING IN HOUSTON

**DEAR JUST WONDERING:** I took your question to Lachlan Sands, executive chef at Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts, Los Angeles, who says, "The first mention of 'brownies' is in a Fanny Farmer cookbook published in 1906. They are not called brownies because of the color, but were named after Celtic pixies."

P.S. If your brownies are turning out black, you may be baking them too long.

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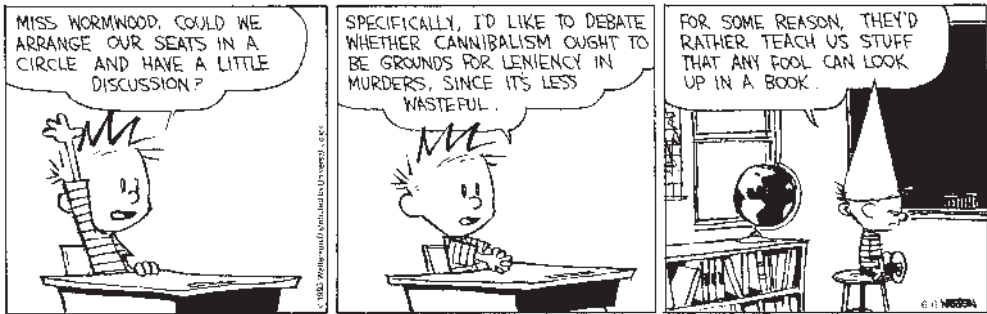
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Yesterday's answer 6-6

**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** Carl Barat, 35; Natalie Morales, 41; Paul Giamatti, 46; Robert Englund, 66.

**Happy Birthday:** Unpredictable can be good, but your motives must be genuine. Focus on preparation and detail. Do things a little differently and try to go out of your way to make a difference on someone else's behalf. It's what you give that will determine how much you get in return. Step outside your comfort zone and you will excel. Your numbers are 5, 16, 21, 25, 31, 37, 46.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Expand your friendships and be receptive to different cultures and traditions. What you gain from interacting with individuals who have something unique to offer will help you change your own life and future to better suit your needs. \*\*\*

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Express what you want to say or do creatively and you will captivate your audience and get the support you need to follow through with your plans. Love and romance, along with new friendships and helpful partnerships, will develop through participation. \*\*\*

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Not everything will turn out to be as good as it sounds. Don't let anyone bully you. A sudden change of plans appears to be more in your favor than not. Embrace the unique but don't take unnecessary risks. \*\*\*

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Join in community events or activities that will allow you to meet new people or explore new interests. Don't let an unpredictable situation

unnerve you. Let your charm and grace help you overcome whatever obstacle you face. \*\*\*\*

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Offer help, but don't let anyone take you for granted. Taking on more than you can handle or being too willing to let others stick you with responsibilities that don't belong to you will lead to discontentment. Stipulate what you require in return. \*\*

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Don't start an unnecessary feud. It will slow you down and make you look bad. Focus on kindness, compassion and doing your best to get along. Strive to compromise and secure a good position instead of damaging your reputation. \*\*\*\*\*

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Your involvement in travel, learning or communications will lead to self-improvement and the chance to meet influential people. Don't let your personal life stand between you and advancement. Don't be afraid to take the road less traveled and stand out. \*\*\*

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Don't be fooled by smooth operators. Negotiations and fine print will be something to consider. Concentrate on detail and expressing your needs, and you will find a way to eliminate some of the problems that come along with change. Love is highlighted. \*\*\*

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Your heart will lead you into all sorts of interesting situations. Before you decide to take a risk or indulge in something questionable, consider the consequences and look for a way to eliminate any downside. Honesty is the best policy. \*\*\*

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**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Deal with personal problems. Discuss choices and the direction you feel obliged to follow. Once you clear your position with those you care about, you will be able to give your all to whatever you want to pursue. Love is in the stars. \*\*\*\*\*

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Deal with guilt and emotional situations quickly so they do not stop you from pursuing your goals. Networking and expanding your interests will help you get ahead and change your life positively. Personal self-improvement will bring you satisfaction. \*\*

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Rely on past experience and people you trust. Take a back seat if it will help you get ahead later. Love and romance are highlighted along with making personal changes to contracts, investments, settlements and your future security. \*\*\*\*

**Birthday Baby:** You are opportunistic. You strive for perfection. You are organized and practical.

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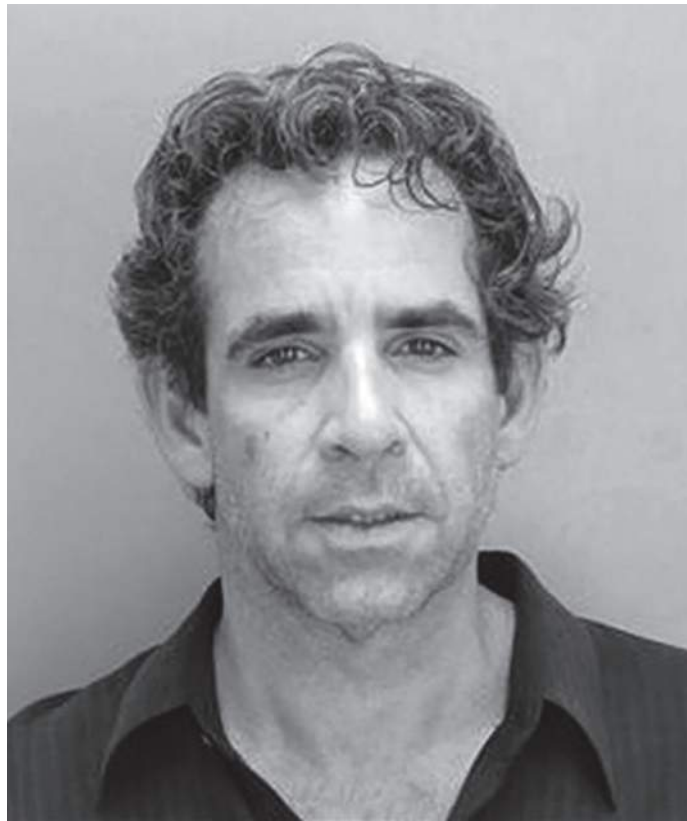


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(AP) —  
The

founder of a Miami anti-aging clinic has agreed to talk to Major League Baseball about players linked to performance-enhancing drugs, a person familiar with the case told The Associated Press on Tuesday night.

The person declined to be identified because the investigation was still ongoing.

Information that Anthony Bosch provides MLB on players who came to the now-closed Biogenesis of America clinic could lead to suspensions. Alex Rodriguez, Ryan Braun, Nelson Cruz and Melky Cabrera are



This undated booking photo provided by the Miami-Dade Police Department, on Tuesday, Jan 29, 2013, shows Anthony Bosch.

among the players whose names have been tied to the clinic.

The agreement between Bosch and MLB was first reported by ESPN.

In addition to Rodriguez, New York Yankees teammate Francisco Cervelli also was linked to the clinic. Cervelli said he consulted Biogenesis for a foot injury, but didn't receive any treatment.

"We'll let MLB handle everything and we don't really have a comment," Yankees manager Joe Girardi said after a 4-3 win over Cleveland.

Girardi said the Yankees were still planning on Rodriguez rejoining the team after the All-Star break. The star third baseman has been on the disabled list all season.

As for the drug cloud that has hovered over baseball for years, Girardi said: "I think we all had hoped we'd gotten through it.

But obviously, we haven't."

Yankees outfielder Vernon Wells said it was too soon to draw any conclusions.

"Everything right now is speculative," Wells said. "We can all sit here and wonder."

MLB has sued Biogenesis of America and its operators, accusing them of scheming to provide banned PEDs to players in violation of their contracts.

Miami New Times reported in January that it obtained purported records detailing drug purchases by Rodriguez, Cabrera, Cruz and former AL Cy Young Award winner Bartolo Colon.

Yahoo Sports reported that Braun, the 2011 NL MVP, was mentioned in the records.

Most have denied the Biogenesis link, although Rodriguez has admitted using performance-enhancing drugs earlier in his career and Colon and Cabrera each were suspended for

50 games last year for testing positive for elevated testosterone levels.

Braun failed a drug test in 2011, but his suspension was overturned by an arbitrator. He has acknowledged that he was mentioned in Biogenesis records because his lawyers had used Bosch as consultant during the appeal.

After the Brewers' 4-3 win in 10 innings over Oakland at Miller Park, Braun said he was done talking about the clinic.

"I've already addressed everything related to the Miami situation. I addressed it in spring training. I will not make any further statements about it," he said.

"The truth has not changed," he said.

Braun said the speculation was not affecting him on the field.

"No, of course not. I've dealt with this for two years now. I'm pretty good at avoiding distractions," he said.

## Red Sox score season best in 17-5 win over Rangers

**BOSTON (AP)**—Jackie Bradley Jr. hit his first career homer and had three RBIs as the Boston Red Sox set season highs for hits and runs in a 17-5 rout of the Texas Rangers on Tuesday.

Stephen Drew, Mike Carp and Jarrod Saltalamacchia also homered for the Red Sox, who scored at least one run in every inning through the first seven and hit for the cycle as a team in the second. The Red Sox finished with 19 hits, eight of them doubles.

It was an abundance of run support for Ryan Dempster (3-6), who ended a streak of five winless starts with his first victory in a month. He allowed three runs on five hits over seven innings.

David Ortiz had three RBIs, driving in one run with a double in the first and then a pair while legging out a rare triple during Boston's six-run second. Carp also drove in three runs as the Red Sox ended a five-game losing streak against the Rangers.

Five of Boston's six hits in the second were for extra bases and the Red Sox chased Justin Grimm (5-4) after 60 pitches. The Texas rookie allowed eight runs, all earned, in 1 2-3 innings.

### Tigers 10, Rays 1

In Detroit, Prince Fielder homered and drove in four runs as Detroit handed Matt Moore his first loss of the season with a victory over Tampa Bay.

Fielder also hit a two-run single that capped a four-run second inning for the Tigers.

Moore (8-1) got only six outs while allowing six runs, seven hits and six walks. He was pitching on three days' rest after his previous start in Cleveland was limited to one inning because of rain.

### Angels 4, Cubs 3

In Anaheim, Calif., Albert Pujols hit a go-ahead homer in the

eighth inning and drove in three runs, leading Los Angeles to a victory over Chicago.

Pujols' 484th career homer and ninth of the season not only got Jered Weaver off the hook, but also third baseman Alberto Callespo, whose third-inning error led to a pair of unearned runs.

### Yankees 4, Indians 3

In New York, David Phelps allowed only an infield single in six shutout innings and got home run help from Mark Teixeira as New York beat Cleveland.

Teixeira hit his second homer since coming off the disabled list last Friday. His three-run shot made it 4-0 in the third inning, and came a day after he lined a grand slam against Cleveland.

Drew Stubbs hit a three-run homer for the Indians in the seventh off Joba Chamberlain.

### Twins 3, Royals 0

In Kansas City, Missouri, Ryan Doumit homered and drove in a pair of runs, helping Minnesota send Kansas City to its club-record 11th straight home loss.

Samuel Deduno (2-1) allowed four hits over six-plus innings for the Twins, who have rebounded nicely from a 10-game losing streak to win eight of their last 10.

While the Twins have soared, the Royals have lost 22 of their last 28 games.

### Mariners 7, White Sox 4

In Seattle, Raul Ibanez hit a two-run homer and a two-run double in his first two at-bats, and Felix Hernandez pitched with a comfortable lead as Seattle handed Chicago its eighth straight loss.

Seattle scored three times in the first inning and three times in the third to give Hernandez (7-4) a cushion on a night when he wasn't at his best early. Hernandez eventually found a groove and he ended up pitch-

ing into the eighth inning to win his second straight start.

### Orioles 4, Astros 1

In Houston, Danny Valencia homered, Chris Tillman threw seven solid innings and Baltimore ended Houston's six-game winning streak.

Brandon Barnes had a solo homer in the sixth for the Astros, who came in with the lon-

gest winning active streak in the majors.

### Phillies 7, Marlins 3, 11 innings

In Philadelphia, John Mayberry Jr. hit a grand slam with two outs in the bottom of the 11th inning after his tying homer in the 10th as Philadelphia beat Miami.

Mayberry tied it off Steve Cishek in the 10th after Juan Pierre scored on a wild pitch in

which still has the best record in the majors, has lost all four of its extra-inning games this season.

A.J. Pollock hit a three-run homer for Arizona, and Willie Bloomquist had four hits in the 4-hour, 53-minute game. Josh Collmenter (2-0) earned the win with four innings of scoreless relief. Heath Bell recorded his 10th save in 12 opportunities.

### Braves 5, Pirates 4, 10 innings

In Atlanta, Andrelton Simmons hit a game-ending double off Mark Melancon in the 10th inning, lifting the Braves to a win over the Pirates.

Melancon (1-1) walked Dan Uggla to open the 10th. B.J. Upton struck out after fouling off an attempted sacrifice bunt. Melancon then hit pinch-hitter Reed Johnson with a pitch, bringing Simmons to the plate.

Simmons, who had three hits and a walk, sent a long fly ball to the gap in right-center.

### Rockies 5, Reds 4

In Cincinnati, Troy Tulowitzki hit a two-run homer in the eighth inning — a call changed after the umpires initially ruled fan interference — and the Rockies held on for a victory that ended their streak of six consecutive losses to the Reds.

A fan with a glove in left field reached and grabbed Tulowitzki's fly ball off Sam LeCure (1-1). The umpires initially ruled fan interference, but changed the call and awarded Tulowitzki



Boston Red Sox's Jackie Bradley Jr. is congratulated at the dugout after his two-run homer during the second inning of a baseball game at Fenway Park in Boston, Tuesday, June 4, 2013.

gest winning active streak in the majors. Tillman (5-3) allowed four hits and a run, and tied a career high with eight strikeouts in seven innings.

### Dodgers 9, Padres 7

In Los Angeles, Yasiel Puig homered twice and drove in five runs in his second major league game, helping the Los Angeles Dodgers rally for a victory over the San Diego Padres.

The 22-year-old Cuban defector made a curtain call from the top of the dugout steps after his second homer, a two-run shot with two outs in the sixth, when the Dodgers scored three

runs to snap a 6-all tie.

Domonic Brown reached on a fielding error by pitcher Edgar Olmos (0-1) with one out in the 11th and advanced on pinch-hitter Kyle Kendrick's sacrifice. After Freddy Galvis was intentionally walked, Erik Kratz walked to load the bases.

### Diamondbacks 7, Cardinals 6, 14 innings

In St. Louis, Paul Goldschmidt hit a run-scoring single in the 14th inning to lift the Arizona Diamondbacks over the Cardinals for their third win in four games.

Arizona improved to 7-2 in extra innings. Louis (38-20),

his 13th homer after reviewing video that showed the ball had cleared the wall.

### Nationals 3, Mets 2

In Washington, Steve Lombardozzi's sacrifice fly in the ninth gave the Nationals their first late-inning comeback win of the season, capping a two-run rally for a victory over the Mets.

The Nationals won for the first time this season when trailing after six innings. They snapped a two-game skid and moved back to .500 at 29-29.

Against closer Bobby Parnell (4-2), Ryan Zimmerman led off the ninth with a double to right-center, barely beating the tag at second, and then advanced to third on a wild pitch.

### Giants 2, Blue Jays 1

In San Francisco, Tim Lincecum ended a three-start losing streak, Andres Torres hit a two-run homer and the San Francisco Giants beat Melky Cabrera and the Blue Jays.

Cabrera had two hits in his return to AT&T Park with Toronto for the first time since his 50-game suspension for a positive testosterone test last Aug. 15.

Lincecum (4-5) allowed Edwin Encarnacion's first-inning solo home run, then retired the next 14 Blue Jays in order.

### Brewers 4, Athletics 3, 10 innings

In Milwaukee, Carlos Gomez scored from first on Yunesky Betancourt's line drive to right-center in the bottom of the 10th inning, lifting the Brewers to a victory over the Athletics.

John Axford (2-3) got the win with a scoreless 10th. He retired Yoenis Cespedes, whose first career multihomer game had given the Athletics a 3-0 lead through seven innings, and after walking Jed Lowrie he struck out Josh Donaldson and got Josh Reddick on a flyout.



# Serena into semis, Federer ousted at French Open



**PARIS (AP)**—Serena Williams knows, of course, that she's had less success at the French Open than any other Grand Slam tournament.

Of her 15 major titles, only one came at Roland Garros, back in 2002. She lost in the semifinals a year later then exited in the quarterfinals the next four times she got that far.

Against Jennifer Capriati in 2004. Against Justine Henin in 2007. Against Svetlana Kuznetsova in 2009. Against Sam Stosur in 2010.

So there Williams was Tuesday, suddenly locked in her first difficult match of this year's French Open, having lost the second set and the opening two games of the third. Again, trouble in the quarterfinals in Paris. Again, the opponent was Kuznetsova.

"I thought," Williams said, "you know, 'Can't go out like this again.'"

She did not. Williams won six of the last seven games, rallying for a 6-1, 3-6, 6-3 victory and reaching her first semifinal in a decade at the clay-court major tournament.

"I was so determined to get through that," the No. 1-ranked Williams said, "and I really, really, really, really wanted it more than, I think, anyone."

Since a first-round exit at Roland Garros a year ago, Williams is 72-3, and she's currently on a 29-match winning streak, the best of her career and longest in a single season since her sister Venus' 35-match run in 2000.

"Unbelievable competitor," said Kuznetsova, who revealed after the loss that she strained an abdominal muscle earlier in the tournament. "She turns on (her) game when she needs it."

On Thursday, Williams will meet No. 5 Sara Errani, last year's runner-up to Maria Sharapova. Errani reached the semifinals for the third time in the last five major tournaments, beating No. 4 Agnieszka Radwanska 6-4, 7-6 (6).

Williams is 5-0 against Errani.

"She forces you to play at a very high level to have any chance of winning. I'll have to hit shots hard and deep and make her move," said Errani, who was 0-28 against women ranked in the top five before Tuesday. "As soon as you hit a short



Serena Williams, of the U.S., returns the ball to Russia's Svetlana Kuznetsova during their quarterfinal match of the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium Tuesday, June 4, 2013 in Paris.

ball, Serena gets right on top of you, and she has enough power to end the point."

In Wednesday's quarterfinals, the second-seeded Sharapova faces No. 18 Jelena Jankovic, while No. 3 Victoria Azarenka plays No. 12 Maria Kirilenko. The last two men's quarterfinals are seven-time French Open champion Rafael Nadal against No. 9 Stanislas Wawrinka, and No. 1 Novak Djokovic against No. 12 Tommy Haas.

Nadal and Djokovic have combined with Roger Federer to win 30 of the past 32 Grand Slam titles, but Federer will not be around for the conclusion of this tournament. In a remarkably brief and one-sided quarterfinal Tuesday, the 17-time major champion lost to one-time major finalist Jo-Wilfried Tsonga of France 7-5, 6-3, 6-3.

"I struggled a little bit everywhere.

To be honest, personally, I'm pretty sad about the match and the way I played. But that's how it goes. I tried to figure things out, but it was difficult. And Jo does a good job keeping the pressure on," Federer said after the 1-hour, 51-minute match.

"He was just ... better in all areas," continued Federer, whose lone French Open title, in 2009, allowed him to equal Pete Sampras' then-record of 14 majors. "He returned better than I did. Served better than I did. I struggled to find my rhythm."

Facing a set point, Federer shanked a forehand 10 feet beyond the opposite baseline. He dumped overhead smashes into the net. He argued with the chair umpire about a call.

And in a truly rare ungraceful moment, he failed to put a racket to—or get out of

the way of—a backhand flip by a sliding Tsonga, instead getting hit on the back.

Federer hadn't lost in straight sets before the semifinals at any Grand Slam tournament since a third-round defeat against Gustavo Kuerten in the 2004 French Open.

Starting a month later, when he won Wimbledon, Federer began a stretch of nearly eight full years in which he was unbeaten in Grand Slam quarterfinals, reaching the semifinals at a record 23 major tournaments in a row. Since that run ended, though, quarterfinal exits are becoming a regular occurrence: He has lost at that stage in five of the past 13 Slams, twice to Tsonga, who was the runner-up at the 2008 Australian Open and is trying to give France its first men's champion at Roland Garros since Yannick Noah 30 years ago.

"Everybody's expecting a lot from me," Tsonga said.

Tsonga's first semifinal at Roland Garros will be against No. 4 David Ferrer, who stopped the wild ride of No. 32 Tommy Robredo 6-2, 6-1, 6-1 in an all-Spanish matchup. Robredo won each of his previous three matches despite dropping the first two sets, the first man since 1927 to do that at a Grand Slam tournament.

"I wasn't 100 percent ready to fight" on Tuesday after so many lengthy matches, Robredo said, adding: "And playing with a guy like David, who is a machine, it's very tough to be like that."

Ferrer reached his sixth major semifinal; he has yet to win one.

Noting that Tsonga so easily beat Federer, Ferrer said: "I was a bit surprised."

Federer did, after all, reach 10 straight Grand Slam finals from 2005-07, winning eight titles. He also appeared in eight major finals from 2008-10, winning four. But since that run ended, Federer has played in two of the last 13 Slam title matches, winning one at Wimbledon last year.

Federer had won nine of his previous 12 matches against Tsonga. When they met at the net for a handshake after this one, Tsonga kiddingly thanked Federer for letting him win this time, and both men chuckled.

"Sports, it's beautiful, because you can always do something. Even if you play, you know, the best player in the world ... you have a chance," Tsonga said. "Because the guy in front of you (has) two legs, two arms, one head."

Federer, now 31, certainly seems more human on a tennis court than he used to. This is the deepest he's gone into a season without winning any tournament since 2000.

Now Tsonga will become the focus of so much attention, supported by thousands in the stands—and millions in their homes around France - hoping for a homegrown champion.

"He's got a big game. He takes time away from you," Federer said. "He can change defense to offense very quickly. Similar traits to what I have, I guess, really."

Quite a compliment.

## Heat's Wade has 2nd chance at back-to-back titles



**MIAMI (AP)**—Dwyane Wade needed a moment to think before giving his answer.

The question was about how many NBA franchises in his lifetime had won back-to-back championships, so he tilted his eyes toward the ceiling and started running through the list in his head.

"That's a small number. It's tough," Wade said. "Obviously, it'd be the Bulls. The Lakers. The Pistons. And is it the Spurs? No, the Rockets. Wow, that's tough."

Here's what's tougher: Actually making that list.

Such is the opportunity that Wade and the Miami Heat have now, for the second time. After Wade won his first title in 2006, the Heat were swept in the first round of the following year's playoffs—when the San Antonio Spurs wound up taking over as the NBA's kings, needing the minimum four games to beat the Cleveland Cava-

liers and a far less experienced LeBron James in the 2007 finals.

The Spurs are back in the finals for the first time since winning that crown, and will soon get their chance to keep Wade, James and the Heat from joining the back-to-back club.

Game 1 of the NBA Finals is Thursday night in Miami, and San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich—who has won four titles, none of them in consecutive years—knows what the Spurs will be facing against the reigning champions.

"They are not just athletic. They are intelligent in what they do," Popovich said. "They execute on both an individual basis and a team basis. That's what makes them good."

Four more wins and the Heat would be more than good—they'd have to be considered elite.

Chicago won three straight titles twice during the Michael Jordan era, with Houston winning in the two seasons during that eight-year span where it wasn't the Bulls spraying champagne after the final game. Detroit won two

straight just before Jordan's reign started, and the Los Angeles Lakers have successfully defended titles four times in the last quarter-century.

San Antonio won its four crowns in a nine-year span, but never managed to pull off two in a row—not even two finals appearances in a row, for that matter. Here's a great example of how tough it is to remain atop the NBA mountain: the Boston Celtics, with the most titles in NBA history, haven't gone back-to-back since 1968 and 1969.

"I mean, anytime you can get to the finals two years in a row is tough," said Wade, who'll be making his third straight finals appearance and fourth overall. "But to win it back to back? I remember Michael Jordan saying winning your first title is the toughest. And in some ways it's very tough to win that first one. But I personally think it's tougher to win the next one, because now you've finally gave everything to win that first one."

This postseason is certainly proving to be tougher for Wade.

A bruised right knee has dogged him now for the better part of three months. In the beginning, the official word was that the ailment was minor and the hope was that it could clear up with a bit of rest. Obviously, that's not exactly the case.

Wade is averaging only 14.1 points in the playoffs on 45 percent shooting. He's getting to the foul line, on average, 3.9 times per game in these playoffs, or less than half of what he managed in his first eight postseasons.

And his trademark explosiveness just has not been there, either.

In his first 110 playoff games, he scored more than 20 points on 87 occasions. This year, in 15 playoff games, he's topped 20 only twice—getting exactly 21 points both times, the second coming in Monday's win over Indiana in Game 7 of the Eastern Conference finals.

"He just found a way to dig deep," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. "We all know what he's dealing with right now. He knew this was a moment that we had to have, and somehow he was able just to will that game, despite what

he's going through."

Wade is refusing to keep discussing what's happening with the knee, other than revealing after Game 7 of the East finals that he's sometimes getting treatment until the wee hours of the morning to remain able to play.

"I'm going to play through pain because this is my job," Wade said. "My team depends on me. Like I said a couple of series ago, I would love to be one of the players who never has to deal with these conversations, never have to deal with these injuries. But that's not my path. I've been through so much away from the game and in the game that I'll find a way. I'll figure it out. Some way, somehow, you give me enough time, I'll figure it out."

If he does figure it out against the Spurs, a third ring—and entry into the back-to-back club—will likely be his reward.

"There will be some moments next series where I won't be looking so great," Wade said. "I'm sure there will be some great headlines out there about myself. I'll continue pushing. I'll continue to try to do what I can to help the Miami Heat win another championship."



# Dollar Days, Mobil notch contrasting wins

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 Dollar Days and Mobil had the last say in the regular season of the 4th Shirley's Coffee Shop Basketball League, recording victories over separate opponents last Monday night at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

Mobil edged Docomo Pacific, 96-93, in the first match in the last day of the elimination round, while Dollar Days routed Kanoa Resort, 116-95, in the final game of the regular season.

Dollar Days and Mobil finished the elimination with similar 6-3 records, tying PSS/Hoopaholics and defending champion DFS Galleria. Organizers had yet to announce the results of the tiebreak at press time, but if the head-to-head record will be the deciding factor, Dollar Days will take the No. 1 spot, as it defeated the three other leaders. Dollar Days won over the Hoops, 72-62, topped Mobil, 108-76, and whipped DFS, 94-74.

In other head-to-head results among the co-leaders, Mobil prevailed over DFS, 112-110, and slipped past PSS/Hoopaholics, 79-75, while the Hoops pulled off a 70-68 victory over DFS in the opener.

The four tied teams will advance to the single-elimination playoffs along with the No. 5 ranked Docomo (5-4), Shirley's (5-4), Kalayaan, Inc. (4-5), and Mariana Resort (3-7). Docomo beat Shirley's in the regular season, 90-88, to win the tiebreak



Dollar Days' Bart Demapan goes up for a jump hook against Kanoa Resort's Brian Ajoste, left, and Justin Zapanta during their game in the Shirley's caging last Monday night at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

for fifth place, while Kanoa Resort and Saipan Apparel were ousted with their identical 2-7 records.

Mobil came into last Monday's match with a two-game slide and managed to end the skid after getting solid games from three players.

Marvin Rabauliman suited up for Mobil after missing their last three matches and

scored a game-high 24 points, while Ronnel Gamboa and Zach Babauta chipped in 21 and 20, respectively. Their 20-plus point performance more than made up for the absence of captain Jun Estolas and Pando Muleta. Gyles Ruluked also contributed to the cause, adding 18.

Rabauliman drilled 7 of his total points in the final canto

to keep Mobil's distance. He scored 3 of Mobil's last 4 points, including two important free throws.

In the second game, Dollar Days cruised past Kanoa after getting twin digits from six players.

Ivan Devero and Brandon Talania logged 24 markers apiece to lead Dollar Days' balanced offense. Bart Demapan nailed 16, Christian Devero and Jun Pantaleon notched 12 apiece, and Wowie Abuel finished with 11.

Dollar Days began pulling away in the third, 86-67, with Ivan Devero firing 10 points and his three other teammates scoring at least 6 points apiece. Dollar Days' lead ballooned to as much as 21, 90-69, before Kanoa made a little headway, slicing the lead to 9, 81-90, midway in the final canto. However, Dollar Days went back to business and finished the job.

## First Game

**Mobil 96** – Rabauliman 24, Gamboa 21, Babauta 20, Ruluked 18, Gapor 4.

**Docomo 93** – Mangali 20, Timothy 19, Sison 19, Paraiso 13, Berline 8, Sanciangco 4, Tudela 4, McCale 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 18-24, 43-43, 78-70, 96-93.

## Second Game

**Dollar Days 116** – I. Devero 24, Talania 24, Demapan 16, Pantaleon 12, C. Devero 12, Luis 11, Joyner 7, Laquian 4.

**Kanoa Resort 95** – Basa 28, Zapanta 18, Manglona 14, Bahillo 11, Cadauan 6, Echavez 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 31-26, 55-47, 86-67, 116-95.

Linyan chipped in one.

Meanwhile, the CNMI was scheduled to face Guam in a 4pm game last night (6pm Saipan time) and will play its last game today against South Korea. The Commonwealth players are in Group A of the east bracket and the Top 2 finishers will advance to the crossover semifinals against the Top 2 in Group B, which has Japan, Chinese-Taipei, and North Korea. Winner in the semis will then battle for the east regional championship this Sunday.

# Pacquiao training set in new Toril gymnasium

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A Wgym bearing his name is the likely venue for Manny Pacquiao's early training in his comeback fight against Mexican Brandon Rios on Nov. 24 in Macau.

The yet to be inaugurated MP Boxing Gym, built by Filipino trainer Nonoy Neri with assistance from the eight-division world champion, was given the green light by Pacquiao himself when he visited the 600-square meter facility in Toril District, Davao City, last week.

Neri, who doubles as Pacquiao's personal cook during his training camps, told the Inquirer yesterday that Sarangani's lone representative was impressed with the gym, which boasts two rings, complete boxing equipment and is quite secluded. To top it all, the gym has an air-conditioned room exclusively for Pacquiao.

According to Neri, Pacquiao wants to start his preparations for Rios (31 wins, 1 loss, 1 draw, 23 KOs) in September either in

Toril or in Gen. Santos City.

Neri hooked up with Pacquiao in GenSan yesterday and was impressed with the physical condition of the three-time Fighter of the Year, who is aiming to rebound from a sixth round knockout loss to Mexican rival Juan Manuel Marquez last December.

"He (Pacquiao) appears to be lighter and in much better shape



than before," Neri said. "Maybe it's because he sleeps early now and plays basketball almost everyday."

Meanwhile, boxing promoter Rex Wakee Salud told the Inquirer yesterday that the Rios fight is sure to make "everybody happy, because no one will dare to run." He said an impressive win by Pacquiao will be his pass ticket for a fifth bout with Marquez.

go 1-2. In the boys U15, FSM's T.J. Rush will be the favorite, but Guam's Brian Tuncap is tough and either Chris Cajigan or Moris Villanueva will have a good chance to make the finals. Michael Ren will be top seeded and defending his boys U12 title and our boys should be battling for the next 2-4 spots," the CNMI coach added.

The Top 4 finishers in both the boys and girls U12 will get slots to the North Pacific Team that will compete in the 2013 Pacific Oceania Championships in Fiji in August. In the U15 age group, only the Top 3 will earn spots on the squad, while only the Top 2 in the U18 division will make the select team.

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Japan before challenging the host in the 7:30pm match.

"The team watched the first half of Korea Republic vs. Guam game. The girls were told to watch and observe the passes and defense lines of both teams. We took the team to the lobby before heading out to see some action in Japan vs. North Korea game, which was at the other field. There were many North Koreans in the

crowd, the seats were full, and the cheers were loud. North Korea won, however, despite the defeat Japan did not give up until the last whistle," Ito added in the team report.

The CNMI used 15 players against China with captain and defender Krizel Tuazon leading the starting 11. Joining her in the First 11 roster were fellow defenders Bernadette Hotey, Mia Carreon, Pinyarat Shankweiler, and De Jana Muna, forward Angelica Sally, midfielders Diana Maniacop, Lyka Sally, Gillian Villago-

mez, and Chloe Salvosa, and goal keeper Chevy Kate Alipio. Maila Aldrich, Guinevere Borja, Renita Fleming, and Kalea Andrew also played in the opener as substitutes.

China had 16 players suiting up against the CNMI with forwards Ma Xiailan and Wan Wenting leading the starting crew and scoring two goals apiece in the first half. Shen Mengyu and Zhao Yugie were the other scorers for China in the opening frame. Substitutes Chen Xia logged two goals in the second half, while Zhang

Linyan chipped in one.

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The Top 3 finishers in the other flights received the same prizes.

Father and son Adam and Sean Lee had a 1-2 finish in the A Flight and were joined in the Top 3 by Sang Cheol Park. Completing the list of Top 3 finishers were B Flight's Franco M. Santos, Takao Urasawa, and Shuichi Nishimura; C Flight's Jun Suk Kim, Hyoung Il Kim, and Feng Chun Jin; Ladies Flight's Noriko Tagawa, Jeong Yoon Kim, and Jeon Ma Ae;

and Seniors Flight's Toshiyuki Mori, Edward Manibusan, and Rong Shan Cui.

Last weekend's tournament drew 130 participants and was supported by Delta Air Lines, Asiana Airlines, Triple J Motors, Century Tours, Pacific Saipan, Century Insurance, Traders Insurance, and HANMI, which donated hole-in-one prizes.

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perfect slates and the squad recorded the highest win percentage (84 percent/187 matches, 158 wins and 20 losses) among the four participating nations.

"I expect Thea and Mika to go 1-2 in the girls U18. Negahr and Tammy may take the Top 2 spots in the girls U15, although Ayana Rengiil of Palau will be tough. I'll go out on a limb and say right now that Carol Lee will not only win this event but the POJC as well. Our other young girls will dominate the U12," Race said.

"Our boys U18 players will face Joshua Cepeda, but could

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New York	33	25	.569	2 1/2	New York	22	33	.400	12 1/2
Tampa Bay	31	26	.544	4	Miami	16	43	.271	20 1/2
Toronto	24	34	.414	11 1/2					
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Detroit	31	25	.554	—	St. Louis	38	20	.655	—
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# 4th Shirley's League Regular Season Games

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Saipan Apparel's Pete Lizama goes up for a shot against two Dollar Day defenders during a regular season game in the 4th Shirley's Coffee Shop Basketball League at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.



PSS/Hoopaholics' Mel Manibusan unloads a jumper from the foul line.



Kanoa Resort's Brian Ajoste fakes off the defense of Saipan Apparel's Mike Babauta.



Mariana Resort's Darwin Barbo goes up for a fast-break basket against Shirley's Mike Yap.



Kanoa Resort's Dindo Pablo drives against two Saipan Apparel defenders.



DFS'Junar Guiab pulls up for a jumper against PSS/Hoopaholics' James Lee.



Mobil's Ronnel Gamboa goes up for a floater against Shirley's players.



Kalayaan, Inc.'s Lerio Pagarao stretches for a layup.



Docomo's Bruce Berline loses the ball, as Saipan Apparel's Mike Babauta rammed into him.



Shirley's Erick Dela Rosa escapes past a phalanx of Dollar Days defenders.





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## CNMI tennis players favored

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The CNMI Junior Tennis Team is expected to reign supreme in the 2013 North Pacific Regional Championships.

The annual event, which was formerly known as North Pacific Qualifying Tournament or NPQ, will be held on Saipan from June 12 to 16 with games to take place at the Pacific Islands Club and American Memorial Park. The host team will be playing against Guam, Palau, and the Federated States of Micronesia.

The CNMI Team is fielding 35 players in the five-day tournament that will feature competitions in both the girls and boys U12, U15, and U18 age groups. The list includes U12's Carol Lee, Malika Miyawaki, Tania Tan, Grace Choi, Mimi Sakano, Catherine Atalig, Asia Raulerson, Conatsu Kaga, Ruth Park, Michael Ren, Robbie Schorr, Vincent Tudela, Steven Goodwin, Tony Kim, Ken Song, Haruya Eda, and Tony Atalig. Also on the squad are U15's Negahr Rastgui, Tammy Ackerman, Isabel Heras, Emily Jones, Julia Ishikawa, Liza Atalig, Christopher Cajigan, Dylan Acker-



man, Moris Villaueva, Colin Ramsey, and Luther Lizama. Completing the CNMI rosters are U18's Thea Minor, Mikayla Lopez, Amami Sakano, Tommy Choi, Seiya Eda, and Daniel Park.

"Our team is well prepared and most everyone is playing their best tennis, so I am expecting many excellent performances," CNMI coach Jeff Race said. "I don't know if we can top last year's results but we will try to match them."

Last year, the Commonwealth players clinched five of the six division titles, 17 made it to the Top 4, and 10 got slots on the North Pacific Team. Several CNMI players also earned

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## CNMI strikers drop debut in Beijing



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The CNMI's starting 11 pose for a photo before their game against China in the AFC U14 Girls Regional Championships at the China National Football Training Centre in Beijing last Tuesday night.

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CNMI U14 Girls National Team fell to China, 0-9, during its opening game in the AFC U14 Girls Regional Championships at the China National Football Training Centre in Beijing last Tuesday night.

The host got five early goals to cruise to victory. Despite the loss, team manager Angie Ito in a report posted at the squad's unofficial website said the Commonwealth's strikers held their head up high.

"The girls did well in tonight's (Tuesday) game. Although many were nervous they still did their best against China, which has more skilled, faster, and stronger players. In the first half, we gave up 6 goals and then we played better defense in the second half," Ito said.

She added that the girls watched the game between South Korea and Guam and were told to get inspiration from the match between Group B's North Korea and

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## Repeat winner in HANMI golf

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Geon Ju Lee survived a sudden-death playoff to top the 12th Annual HANMI Charity Golf Classic Tournament held last Saturday on the west course of the Laolao Bay Golf Resort.

It was Lee's second straight victory in the Championship Flight, as he also ruled the 2012 edition of the annual competition, winning by four strokes against Gi Young Kim after saving an even par 72 at the Marianas Country Club last year. However, his second title did not come in a silver platter, as he had to beat Joung Hoon Park and last year's third placer Jeff Taylor in the tiebreak hole No. 18. The three golfers went back to the course after carding identical 1-over par 73.

Lee was first to tee-off in the par-5, 512-yard hole and got off to a strong start with his about 250-yard shot that landed



in the middle of the fairway, according to Steve Jang, who supervised the tiebreak play. Next up was Park and he teed off better with his nearly 280-yard drive that dropped to the left of the fairway, while Taylor was way off with his ball going too far left.

Lee went on to save par to win the playoff, while Park struggled in his next shots and ended up with a bogey. Taylor also had a bogey and organizers had to do through another playoff shot to decide the second and third placers. Park this time won with his par, while Taylor settled for another third place finish, as he bogeyed anew the No. 18 hole.

For his win, Lee received a trophy, \$300 cash, and hotel accommodations, while Park and Taylor pocketed \$200 and \$100, respectively.

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Lee



Dylan Ackerman, seen here getting ready to serve during a local tournament this year, is one of the more than 30 CNMI players who will compete in next week's 2013 North Pacific Regional Championships.

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